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'I AM BROKEN BEYOND REPAIR'

More than 2,000 days after her murder, Connie Dabate's loved ones relive years of life-changing sadness

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

Marliese Margotta Shaw told Judge Corinne Klatt on Thursday that she has been waiting 2,427 days to speak about the gut-wrenching grief she's languished in since her sister's murder on Dec. 23, 2015.

On that day, she said, her life as she knew it ended.

"My family's lives have never been the same," she told Klatt through a shaking voice in Rock-

ville Superior Court seated just feet away from the man a jury found guilty of killing Connie Dabate.

Shaw had waited six years, she said, to beg the judge to sentence the man convicted of killing her younger sister — her former brother-in-law — to a life behind bars.

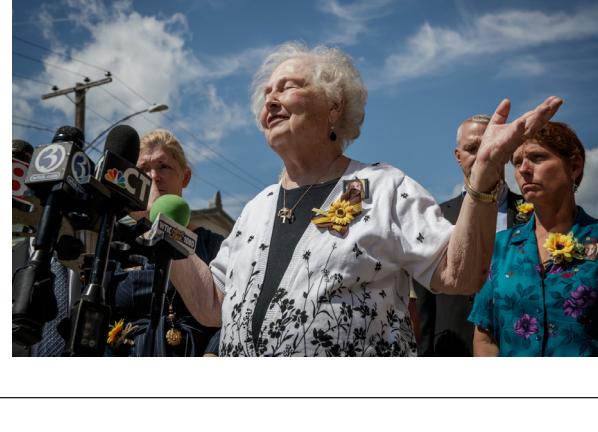
Filling rows and rows of seats behind her, Connie Dabate's loved ones wiped tears from their eyes as Shaw told Klatt how her sister's murder had impacted every facet

of her life: her physical health, her mental well-being, her marriage, her children, her parents' health and her siblings' health.

"I'm not the same person I used to be. I am broken beyond repair," she said.

Wearing pictures of the smiling young mother and yellow ribbons with sunflowers to honor Connie Dabate's favorite pinned to their chests, family members followed Shaw in pleading to the judge for

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Cindi Margotta praises God outside Rockville Superior Court after Richard Dabate was sentenced to 65 years for the killing of her daughter, Connie Dabate.
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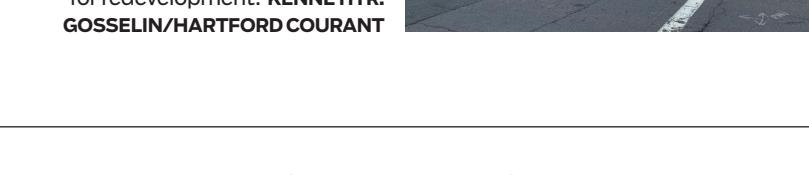


A rendering shows the proposed 172 luxury apartment complex for the Children's Museum property on Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford. The view is looking south from the intersection of Trout Brook and Farmington Avenue. **LESSARD DESIGN/CONTINENTAL PROPERTIES**

Proposed luxury rentals would up housing boom



ABOVE: The Children's Museum property as it now appears, looking south from the intersection of Trout Brook Drive and Farmington Avenue. **SEAN PATRICK FOWLER/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**



RIGHT: The property on Farmington Avenue that was the original location of the S.K. Laundry Appliance Co. is also expected to be proposed for redevelopment. **KENNETH R. GOSSELIN/HARTFORD COURANT**

West Hartford Children's Museum location ideal

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

Plans for dozens of new apartments and condominiums in and near West Hartford Center have all the makings of a housing-construction boom, surpassing even the residences built at trendy Blue Back Square nearly two decades ago.

"It's not something we have experienced," said Rick Ledwith, West Hartford's town manager, of the recent string of proposals for the Center that represents tens of millions of dollars of private investment.

So far, the largest of three projects — with a fourth likely on the way — is the \$50 million proposal for 172 luxury rentals on the site of the relocating Children's Museum near the corner of Trout Brook Drive and Farmington Avenue.

Continental Properties of New York is proposing a redevelopment of apartments — now named 950 Trout Brook Drive — with upscale finishes such as granite or quartz

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'You want your loved one home'

When cash bail is high, families crowd-fund freedom online

By Kelan Lyons
CT Mirror

Audrey Jordan wasn't sure what size clothes to buy for her brother Bryan. He hadn't worn anything other than a prison jumpsuit in 16 years.

Surely his weight had changed since he was sentenced. She perused the racks at Marshall's and TJ Maxx and settled on a pack of white T-shirts, tank tops and jeans. They all wound up being too small.

It was the middle of 2021. Audrey had to get clothes because she knew Bryan Jordan would be coming home after his next court date, which was coming up soon.

Audrey's daughter, Alexis, had led a years-long effort to raise money so her Uncle Bryan could post \$600,000 bond. It took two years, but they finally had enough money to pay a bondsman — typically 10% or less of the bond amount.

No one in the family had anywhere near enough cash, so they had to collect it from donations and at community fundraising events. It was hard, Audrey said, especially when they were asking people to donate during a pandemic, when money was tight because people were out of work.

"But you want your loved one home," Audrey said, "and so you just do what you have to do."

They were assisted by the Connecticut Bail Fund, a New Haven-based group that helps people post bail so they can await trial at home. Jewi Richardson, the nonprofit's co-executive director, said it is a "harsh, sad reality" that families like the Jordans have to rely on community events and a GoFundMe to post bail.

But it's unusual, Richardson said, for a family to raise as much cash as the Jordans did.

"What Brian represents is a population of people that are suffering behind the walls, that are in similar situations like his, but they don't have the resources to advocate on their behalf," said Richardson.

Bryan walked out of the New Haven courthouse a free man on

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Rare risk of polio from oral vaccine

Experts think US, UK, Israel can end new threat quickly

By Maria Cheng
Associated Press

LONDON — For years, global health officials have used billions of drops of an oral vaccine in a remarkably effective campaign aimed at wiping out polio in its last

remaining strongholds — typically, poor, politically unstable corners of the world.

Now, in a surprising twist in the decades-long effort to eradicate the virus, authorities in Jerusalem, New York and London have discovered evidence that polio is spreading there.

The original source of the virus? The oral vaccine itself.

Scientists have long known about this rare phenomenon.

That is why some countries have switched to other polio vaccines.

But these incidental infections from the oral formula are becoming more glaring as the world inches closer to eradication of the disease and the number of polio cases caused by the wild, or naturally circulating, virus plummets.

Since 2017, there have been 396 cases of polio caused by the wild

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In a campaign to eradicate polio, an Afghan health worker gives the oral vaccine to a child near Kabul.

RAHMAT GUL/AP 2017

Celebrating Puerto Rico

The usual large crowd lined Main Street on Sunday for the annual Hartford Puerto Rican Day Parade, followed by a festival at Bushnell Park. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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countertops and stainless steel appliances in kitchens and plank flooring throughout the rentals.

The complex would rise six stories at Trout Brook and then taper to five stories toward the east accounting for the incline of the 3.5-acre museum property.

Howard S. Rappaport, a principal at Continental, said the project would have amenities such as a club room, fitness center and game room inside. Outside, Rappaport points to a "resort quality" pool, fire pit, barbecue area and roof top deck.

Continental's market research indicates the apartments will appeal to a broad range of tenants who are seeking a walkable town center with restaurants, shops, entertainment and other services, Rappaport said.

The apartments would range from an average of 714 square feet for a one bedroom and 979 square feet for a two bedroom to 1,378 for a handful of three-bedroom units. More than half of the rentals would be two bedrooms. Starting rents are expected to be about \$2,200 a month for one bedroom and \$2,700 for two bedrooms.

Continental also has agreed to include an as yet undetermined number of "workforce" rentals with income restrictions.

Rappaport said it was still being determined what would be included in the rent and what other fees might be charged to tenants. Parking will be both under the building and on a surrounding surface lot, Rappaport said.

If the project is approved, construction could start in the spring with the first apartments available for rent in 18 to 24 months.

The prospective tenants range from young professionals and couples to empty nesters and homeowners who no longer want to keep up a house.

"We see that people want to live and be part of the Center," Rappaport said. "Being part of a dynamic town center is a significant factor when people are deciding where they want to live, and the West Hartford town center is probably the most pleasant and walkable town center in the entire state."

Significant demand seen

Even with other projects in the pipeline, Rappaport sees strong demand in an apartment market where occupancy is well over 90% and waiting lists for apartments in and near the Center are months long.

"There is significant demand, and the market can absorb these projects," Rappaport said.

Diagonally across the street from the Trout Brook property, developer Avner Krohn has demolished two buildings to begin construction on 48 upscale rentals at a cost of more than \$15 million.

Two blocks to the west, a development partnership, including Lexham Realty, a major property owner in the Center, is proposing 64 condominiums and 21 apartments in two



This aerial view shows the 3.5-acre site occupied by the Children's Museum for nearly 60 years. SEAN PATRICK FOWLER/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

buildings off LaSalle Road. The project could cost between \$50 million and \$80 million, Lexham says.

And Stone Point Properties, which in 2019 purchased the nearby Farmington Avenue building, which was the original location of the S.K. Lavery Appliance Co., is expected to propose apartments for the site, likely in the fall.

Suburban towns in the Hartford area are looking to boost housing in their town centers to make them more walkable — a trend, experts say, that is unfolding across the country.

"We certainly feel there is a demand for rental units right now," Ledwith said. "I think everyone is seeing that around the state right now and country really. We think the Center has a lot to offer for residents. It's very walkable, very vibrant."

'It's too big'

While 950 Trout Brook would help ease the shortage of apartments in and near the Center, area residents are worried the development is too large, too tall and wedged too tightly into surrounding neighborhood.

At the two-building, 132-unit Hampshire House condominiums immediately to the north of the museum property, owners say the proposal places the apartments too close to their property.

Condo owners also are troubled by the prospect of more vehicles exiting onto busy Trout Brook, already a problem for Hampshire House residents. Some owners on upper

floors also are upset that they will lose their views to the west.

"We just think it's too big," David Rosow, president of the condominium association and a unit owner since 2000, said. "We prefer to see something smaller there. Something is going to happen there, and we understand that. No one owns a view. We understand that."

The condo association is considering hiring legal representation, Rosow said. He acknowledged that Continental has reached out to the neighborhood to discuss the plans.

Noise is also on the mind of neighbors like Mike Cocca who lives just to the east on Outlook Street. His home shares a property line with the proposed development.

"Now, you hear kids laughing," Cocca said, on his front porch one evening last week. "It's going from kids laughing to cars revving."

Rappaport said the design of the development places the outdoor pool area in an interior space that is surrounded on three sides by the building to buffer noise. And amenities such as a co-working space and a catering kitchen are just for residents and not open to the general public.

Chuck Coursey, a community outreach consultant for Continental, said the developer has been reaching out to the neighborhood since spring "presenting plans, answering questions and addressing concerns and will continue to do so up to the public hearing in October."

End of an era

Continental has been active developing

upscale rental communities in Connecticut for a decade and has been in business since the late 1950s, developing more than 25,000 houses, apartments and condominiums.

In Greater Hartford, the rental developments include two in Rocky Hill — Alterra and Montage — One Glastonbury Place in Glastonbury and Tempo at Evergreen Walk in South Windsor.

A redevelopment of the property on Trout Brook in West Hartford would mean the end of an era for the Children's Museum.

The museum, which has occupied the site for nearly six decades, sold the property to neighboring Kingswood-Oxford School in 2002. The museum leased the property back but with the intention of finding a new location. Kingswood-Oxford made the decision to sell the museum property in 2021, nudging the museum into making a decision about its future.

The museum is temporarily downsizing and relocating to the Emmanuel Synagogue in West Hartford. It is still searching for a permanent home and has said it narrowed its choices to East Hartford, but the museum has not disclosed specific locations.

Meanwhile, plans call for the iconic, 60-foot, 20-ton Conny the Whale sculpture to be moved just across the street to the Trout Brook greenway. Conny was constructed in the mid-1970s as a symbol of the "Save the Whales" movement but had evolved into a playscape and mascot for the museum.

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PLAY4 DAY

0 8 1 0 WB: 5

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SATURDAY'S LATE NUMBERS

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CASH 5

2 11 17 24 29

LUCKY FOR LIFE

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a maximum sentence for Richard Dabate. They each described their own version of the life-altering pain, agony, stress and sadness they have endured for those thousands of days.

On Thursday, 46-year-old Richard Dabate, the former husband of Connie Dabate and father to their two sons, was sentenced to 60 years for his wife's murder, five years for tampering with evidence and one year for giving a false statement to police for a total of 65 years to be served in prison.

He was sentenced in the same courtroom where, three months ago, a jury found him guilty on all charges. The jury delivered their verdicts after only a few hours of deliberating following a five-week trial where attorneys questioned and cross-examined 130 witnesses and brought forth more than 600 pieces of evidence.

Dabate had pleaded not guilty to the charges and was free on bond for the six years he was awaiting trial. He has stuck to his story that he came home to find a masked intruder in his bedroom in Ellington, a camouflage-clad man who then chased his wife into their basement and fatally shot her. He said he was then tied to a chair in their kitchen and stabbed during a violent home invasion.

Investigators and State's Attorney Matthew C. Gedansky poked holes in Dabate's story, pinning much of their case on data from Connie Dabate's Fitbit that contradicted the story of the home invasion, internet searches by Richard Dabate that didn't corroborate his timeline and evidence of multiple extramarital affairs, including one with a woman who was due to give birth to their daughter less than two months after the murder.

'Tell the street, it's over'

Every seat in the courtroom was filled on Thursday, prompting court marshals to turn away some people who hoped to sit in on the sentencing.

More than 10 of Connie Dabate's loved ones spoke to the judge, describing the life and loss of the blonde mother of two.

They described her as a prankster who loved mischief, once started a huge water-gun fight at a family BBQ and dressed up as an elf to visit their father in the hospital to cheer him up around the holidays.

Shaw said she was the "fun young aunt" to her nephews, whose lives were forever changed by the loss.

"The last gift her nephews could give her was to carry her casket," she said through tears.

Darlene Beaudry, a friend and neighbor of Connie Dabate, stepped out of the courthouse on Thursday with a smile on her face.

"It's over, 65 years," she said into her phone. "I'm coming home. Tell the street, it's over."

Beaudry lives on Birch View Drive in the Ellington neighborhood where Connie was killed and where the Dabates were another happy family who socialized with their neighbors.

Beaudry took the stand to testify against Richard Dabate and told the jury about the last time she saw Connie. She was walking through the hallway of their children's school singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

It was an emotional moment in the courtroom, one that apparently stuck with the judge.

Klatt recalled that story, and the song Connie was singing, just before she handed down her sentence.

Beaudry said outside the courthouse that she will never forget the last time she saw her friend and still visits her grave often. She drives by the cemetery where Connie is buried on her way to pick up her own kids.

Connie's mother, Cindi Margotta, who is now 84, said she will never forget the last time she spoke to her daughter. It was the morning she died.

Connie called her mother and said, "Mom, I love you. ... You're my best friend."

She ended the call by saying, "Rick is a mess today."

Margotta, who remained silent throughout the trial except for when she took the stand as a witness, veered toward regret and sorrow outside the courthouse after the sentencing when she thought about that phone call. She said she wishes she had told her daughter to come home to her.

"I wish I'd said, 'If he's a mess, come over here and have breakfast.'"

But just a few seconds later outside the courthouse, a smile spread across Margotta's face. She lifted her hands, turned her gaze toward the blue sky and said she felt comfort knowing that justice had been served.

During her victim impact statement, Margotta talked about her memories of Connie throughout her life, how she was the last child born into their big Italian family



Family and friends of Connie Dabate gather to speak to the press outside Rockville Superior Court after the sentencing of Richard Dabate.

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Wayne Rioux, a longtime neighbor and friend of Connie Dabate, speaks outside Rockville Superior Court on Thursday after Richard Dabate was sentenced to 65 years for killing his wife in 2015.

and all her kids took turns caring for her, picking out her outfits and rocking her to sleep.

Even as she grew up, she was "always their baby sister," Margotta said, adding that she is still grieving her daughter to this day.

Friends and family forever changed

Connie Dabate was a force of positivity and optimism that made her everyone's best friend, said Kimmy Phillips, one of her many "best friends" who trembled with emotion on Thursday as she told the judge Richard Dabate not only killed Connie that day but killed the spirit of so many others.

She recalled the happy memories she spent with Connie followed by the hours and hours she spent screaming and crying into a pillow when she learned Connie had been killed.

She said instead of sharing dreams of growing old with her best friend, she now survives in a cycle of depression and panic attacks.

Donna Judge brought a framed photo of a 6-year-old Connie Dabate with her when she spoke. She said she wanted to show the judge how long she knew Connie — the two had met at a dance studio when Connie was 6 years old and developed a sister-like bond. Later they became real-life sisters when Judge married Dabate's older brother, Keith Margotta.

The two only grew closer as the years went on, and her honorary "baby sister's" antics and sense of humor created memories that Judge said she has "collected as treasures."

Now, Judge has trouble forgetting the image of Connie Dabate's body when she went to identify her sister-in-law after the murder. Her husband, Judge said, has trouble sleeping through the night, tortured by thoughts of not being able to save his sister.

"It is a pain that has rendered my husband inconsolable, and I fear it will be permanent," Judge said.

Kate Frost, who along with her husband Mike Frost was best friends with Connie

and Richard Dabate, said for them, there is before Dec. 23, and there is after.

She called the date "a tragic day in our lives, one that changed who we are."

She told the courtroom about the moment she learned her friend was dead. She had been desperately trying to reach the Dabates after hearing there had been a home invasion.

The next morning, Frost said she turned on the TV and saw her friend's name flash across the news saying she was murdered. She remembers falling to the floor screaming and crying at the same moment her husband's phone started to ring with someone giving him the news.

The once happy and social couple is now riddled with anxiety and depression, she said.

"We were bursting into tears at work, at the grocery store, at the mechanic, driving through Ellington," she said.

Holidays carry life sentence of grief

Connie Dabate's sister, Leslie Garabedian, said she and her husband have gotten "a front-row seat" to the life sentence of grief inflicted on her nephews, RJ and Connor. The Garabedians took custody of the Dabate boys about five years ago.

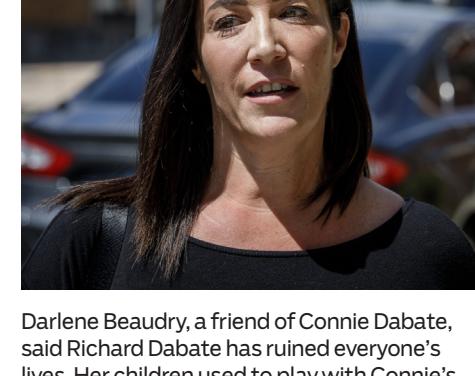
The couple recounted the trauma the boys live with: the constant fear of an intruder breaking in and murdering them, the sleepless nights, a fear of the dark and the sleeping bag that lays next to their aunt and uncle's bed in case the boys are too scared to sleep in their rooms.

The boys' fear, grief and confusion get worse every year as the leaves start to change, Garabedian said.

Thanksgiving is a painful reminder of the last day they spent with Connie as a family before their lives changed forever. Garabedian can picture their last Thanksgiving together, ending with their tradition of spreading Black Friday sale flyers all across the floor to plan their holiday shopping.

They'd each pick a family member to buy a gift for that Christmas.

That year, Connie drew Leslie's name.



Darlene Beaudry, a friend of Connie Dabate, said Richard Dabate has ruined everyone's lives. Her children used to play with Connie's two boys when they were younger.

"Her last gift to me still remains unopened in the back of her drawer with a handwritten note that says, 'To my sister,'" she told Klatt.

Connie was killed just two days before Christmas — crime scene photos showed a house decorated for the holiday inside and out. Twinkling star-shaped lights hung above the family's wrap-around porch, while inside, gifts for their family members were already wrapped.

For those who miss her, the holiday — once a joyous occasion packed with family traditions — is now just "a day we have to get through," said Garabedian. And the stress and anxiety of surviving Dec. 25 starts months before.

As soon as Christmas decorations hit the store shelves, Garabedian said she knows what's coming: a painful and obvious shift in the boys' moods.

The two become withdrawn, she said.

They are less talkative, less social and sadder. Every Christmas tree, every stocking, every twinkling light reminds them of the harsh reality that it is another year since they lost their mother.

A few years ago, Garabedian said she stood at her stove cooking dinner for her family when one of her nephews ran into the room, surprisingly cheerful.

"Aunt Leslie," he said beaming, "I know what I want for Christmas. I want my mom back for three days or even three hours."

Garabedian said she stepped away from the stove and just wrapped her arms around her nephew, embracing him as they both sobbed over the loss they shared. She said the moment broke her heart so severely that it took her weeks to put the incident into words, to talk to someone about it.

Garabedian recalled other moments of helping the boys manage their grief that broke her heart. She showed Klatt a photo of one of her nephews peering into a telescope. He'd asked his aunt and uncle to help him see his mother in heaven by looking through it.

Too many times to count, Garabedian said they have asked her about their own eventual deaths and when they'll get to see their mother again.

And last December, Garabedian said she watched Connor wander through the aisles of a store looking for a Christmas gift for his mother, wondering what he could possibly get her.

He settled on a heartfelt card that he left at her grave where it still sits, the envelope still sealed.

"I think he still waits for her to open it."

Polio

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virus, versus more than 2,600 linked to the oral vaccine, according to figures from the World Health Organization and its partners.

"We are basically replacing the wild virus with the virus in the vaccine, which is now leading to new outbreaks," said Scott Barrett, a Columbia University professor who has studied polio eradication.

The latest incidents represent the first time in several years that vaccine-connected polio virus has turned up in rich countries.

Earlier this year, officials in Israel detected polio in an unvaccinated 3-year-old, who suffered paralysis. Several other children, nearly all of them unvaccinated, were found to have the virus but no symptoms.

In June, British authorities reported finding evidence in sewage that the virus was spreading, though no infections in people were identified. Last week, the government said all children in London ages 1 to 9 would be offered a booster shot.

In the U.S., an unvaccinated young adult suffered paralysis in his legs after being infected with polio, New York officials revealed last month. The virus has also shown up in New York sewers.

But officials said they are not planning a booster campaign because they believe the state's high vaccination rate should offer enough protection.

Genetic analyses showed that the viruses in the three countries were all "vaccine-derived," meaning that they were mutated versions of a virus that originated in the oral vaccine.

The oral vaccine at issue has been used since 1988 because it is cheap, easy to administer — two drops are put directly into children's mouths — and better at protecting entire populations where polio is spreading. It contains a weakened form of the live virus.

But it can also cause polio in about two to four children per 2 million doses. Four doses are required to be fully immunized.

In extremely rare cases, the weakened virus can also sometimes mutate into a more dangerous form and spark outbreaks, espe-

cially in places with poor sanitation and low vaccination levels.

These outbreaks typically begin when people who are vaccinated shed live virus from the vaccine in their feces. From there, the virus can spread within the community and, over time, turn into a form that can paralyze people and start new epidemics.

Many countries that eliminated polio switched to injectable vaccines containing a killed virus decades ago to avoid such risks; the Nordic countries and the Netherlands never used the oral vaccine. The ultimate goal is to move the entire world to the shots once wild polio is eradicated, but some scientists argue that the switch should happen sooner.

"We probably could never have gotten on top of polio in the developing world without the (oral polio vaccine), but this is the price we're now paying," said Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. "The only way we are going to eliminate polio is to eliminate the use of the oral vaccine."

Aidan O'Leary, director of WHO's polio department, described the discovery of polio spreading in London and New York as a "major surprise." Still, O'Leary said he is confident Israel, Britain and the U.S. will shut down their newly identified outbreaks quickly.

To stop polio in Britain, the U.S. and Israel, what is needed is more vaccination, experts say.

That is something Barrett worries could be challenging in the COVID-19 era. "What's different now is a reduction in trust of authorities and the political polarization in countries like the U.S. and the U.K.," he said. "The presumption that we can quickly get vaccination numbers up quickly may be more challenging now."

The oral vaccine is credited with dramatically reducing the number of children paralyzed by polio. When the global eradication effort began in 1988, there were about 350,000 cases of wild polio a year.

This year, there have been 19 cases of wild polio, all in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Mozambique.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Blast kills daughter of 'Putin's brain'

Zelenskyy adviser denies Ukraine had role in car bombing

By Jim Heintz
Associated Press

MOSCOW — The daughter of an influential Russian political theorist often referred to as "Putin's brain" was killed in a car bombing on the outskirts of Moscow, authorities said Sunday.

The Russian Investigative Committee — the country's version of the FBI — said preliminary information indicated TV commentator Daria Dugina, 29, was killed by an explosive planted in the Toyota Land Cruiser she was driving Saturday night. The SUV exploded on a highway 20 miles west of Moscow and burst into flames, scattering pieces across the road.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

But the bloodshed gave rise to suspicions that the intended target was her father, Alexander Dugin, a nationalist philosopher and writer.

Images and videos circulating on Russian social media showed a vehicle engulfed in flames and a man who appeared to be Dugin pacing back and forth, holding his hands to his head.

The images could not be immediately verified.

Zakhar Prilepin, a popular conservative writer, said in a post on the Telegram social network that Dugin and his daughter were at a nationalist festival Saturday but had left in different vehicles.

The state-run news agency Tass cited an unnamed law enforcement source as saying that there



Investigators sift through debris after an SUV driven by Daria Dugina, the daughter of Russian nationalist ideologist Alexander Dugin, exploded in a car bombing Saturday night outside Moscow. Dugina, 29, was killed. RUSSIAN INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE

were no security checks at the entrance to the parking lot where the vehicle driven by Dugina had been parked.

Dugin is a prominent proponent of the "Russian world" concept, a spiritual and political ideology that emphasizes traditional values, the restoration of Russia's power and the unity of all ethnic Russians throughout the world. He is also a vehement supporter of Russian President Vladimir Putin's move sending troops into Ukraine.

Russian investigators said an explosive device had been planted underneath the vehicle on the driver's side and that the attack was

believed to have been "a premeditated crime."

Russian media reports cited witnesses as saying the SUV belonged to Dugin and that he had decided at the last minute to travel in another vehicle.

The car bombing is likely to aggravate tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

Pro-Kremlin commentators and politicians quickly blamed Ukraine and demanded revenge, injecting new uncertainty into a war that has lasted nearly six months.

Denis Pushilin, president of the separatist Donetsk People's Republic, the

pro-Moscow region that is a focus of Russia's fighting in Ukraine, blamed the blast on "terrorists of the Ukrainian regime, trying to kill Alexander Dugin."

Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, denied Ukrainian involvement, saying, "We are not a criminal state, unlike Russia, and definitely not a terrorist state."

Political analyst Abbas Gallyamov, a former speech writer for Putin, called the attack "an act of intimidation" aimed at Kremlin loyalists.

To them, he said, "this is a symbolic act, demon-

strating that hostilities have been confidently transferred to the territory of Russia, which means that this is no longer an abstract war that you watch on TV," he said. "This is already happening in Russia. Not only Crimea is being bombed, but terrorist attacks are already being carried out in the Moscow region."

While Dugin's ties to Putin are unclear, the Kremlin frequently echoes rhetoric from his writings and appearances on Russian state TV. He helped popularize the "Novorossiya," or "New Russia" concept that Russia used to justify the 2014 annexation of

Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and its support of separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine.

He promotes Russia as a country of piety, traditional values and authoritarian leadership, and disdains Western liberal values.

His daughter expressed similar views and had appeared as a commentator on the nationalist TV channel Tsargrad, where Dugin had served as chief editor.

Dugin herself was sanctioned by the United States in March for her work as chief editor of United World International, a website that the U.S. described as a disinformation source. The sanctions announcement cited a United World article this year that contended Ukraine would "perish" if it were admitted to NATO.

Dugin, "like her father, has always been at the forefront of confrontation with the West," Tsargrad said Sunday.

While it remained unclear how or if Putin would respond to Dugina's death, the calls for vengeance underscored how the Ukrainian invasion's most fervent supporters could still become inconvenient allies for the Kremlin — especially if the Russian leader seeks to avoid an escalation of the war.

"For the Kremlin, any ideologized people can be both useful and dangerous," said Marat Guelman, a Russian political expert now based in Montenegro who advised the Kremlin in the early years of Putin's rule. "Right now, they are useful. But soon they will become dangerous."

The New York Times contributed.

On Ukraine's front lines, a fight to save preemies

For now, staffers at this hospital focus on babies, not war

By Inna Varenytsia
Associated Press

POKROVSK, Ukraine — Echoing down the corridors of eastern Ukraine's Pokrovsk Perinatal Hospital are the loud cries of tiny Veronika.

Born nearly two months prematurely and weighing just 3 pounds, 4 ounces, the infant receives oxygen through a nasal tube to help her breathe while ultraviolet lamps inside an incubator treat her jaundice.

Dr. Tetiana Myroshnychenko carefully connects the tubes that allow Veronika to feed on her mother's stored breast milk and ease her hunger.

Before Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February, three hospitals in government-controlled areas of the country's war-torn Donetsk region had facilities to care for premature babies. One was hit by a Russian airstrike and the other had to close as a result of the fighting, leaving only the maternity hospital in the coal mining town of Pokrovsk still oper-

ating.

Myroshnychenko, the site's only remaining neonatologist, now lives at the hospital. Her 3-year-old son divides the week between staying at the facility and with his father, a coal miner, at home.

The doctor explains why it's now impossible to leave: Even when the air raid sirens sound, the babies in the hospital's above-ground incubation ward cannot be disconnected from their life-saving machines.

"If I carry Veronika to the shelter, that would take five minutes. But for her, those five minutes could be critical," Myroshnychenko says.

Hospital officials say the proportion of births occurring prematurely or with complications has roughly doubled this year compared to previous times, blaming stress and rapidly worsening living standards for taking a toll on the pregnant women still left in the area.

Russia and Moscow-backed separatists now occupy just over half the Donetsk region, which is similar in size to Massachusetts. Pokrovsk is still in a Ukrainian government-controlled area 40 miles west of the front lines.

Inside the hospital's maternity wards, talk of the war is discouraged.

"Everything that happens outside this building of course concerns us, but we don't talk about it," Myroshnychenko said. "Their main concern right now is the baby."

Although fighting in the Donetsk region started back in 2014, when Russia-backed separatists began battling the government and taking over parts of the region, new mothers are only now being kept in the hospital for longer periods because there's little opportunity for them to receive care once they have been discharged.

Among them is Inna Kyslychenko, 23, of Pokrovsk.

Rocking her 2-day-old daughter Yesenia, she was considering joining the region's massive evacuation westward to safer areas in Ukraine when she leaves the hospital. Many essential services in government-held areas of the Donetsk region — heat, electricity, water supplies — have been damaged by Russian bombardment, leaving living conditions that are only expected to worsen as the winter grows near.



Veronika, born prematurely at 29 weeks, is checked last week at Pokrovsk Perinatal Hospital in the Donetsk region of Ukraine. She weighed just over 3 pounds at birth. DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

"I fear for the little lives, not only for ours, but for all the children, for all of Ukraine," Kyslychenko said.

More than 12 million people in Ukraine have fled their homes due to the war, according to U.N. relief agencies. About half have been displaced within Ukraine and the rest have moved to other European countries.

Moving the maternity hospital out of Pokrovsk, however, is not an option.

"If the hospital was relocated, the patients would still have to remain here,"

said chief physician Dr. Ivan Tsyganok, who kept working even when the town was being hit by Russian rocket fire.

"Delivering babies is not something that can be stopped or rescheduled."

The nearest existing maternity facility is in Ukraine's neighboring Dnipropetrovsk region, a 3 1/2-hour drive along secondary roads, a journey considered too risky for women in late-term pregnancy.

Last week, Andrii Dobrellia, 24, and his wife Maryna, 27, reached the hospital from a nearby village. Looking

anxious, they talked little as doctors carried out a series of tests and then led Maryna to the operating room for a C-section.

Twenty minutes later, the cries of a newborn baby boy, Timur, could be heard.

As the war reaches the six-month mark, Tsyganok and his colleagues say they have a more hopeful reason to stay.

"These children we are bringing into the world will be the future of Ukraine," Tsyganok says. "I think their lives will be different to ours. They will live outside war."

Appeals court puts Graham's testimony on hold in Ga. election probe

By Richard Fausset
The New York Times

ATLANTA — A federal appeals court temporarily blocked Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., on Sunday from testifying in the investigation into efforts by former President Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the 2020 presidential election results in Georgia.

The appeals court instructed a lower court to determine whether Graham should be exempt from

answering certain kinds of questions, given his status as a federal lawmaker.

The ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit gives a temporary reprieve to Graham, who has been fighting prosecutors' efforts to bring him before a special grand jury.

After a protracted bout of legal sparring, Graham, at the end of last week, appeared to have failed in his efforts to remain above the matter and had been expected to testify behind



Graham gives any testimony.

First, the court ruled, a U.S. District Court must determine whether Graham is "entitled to a partial quashal or modification of the subpoena to appear before the special purpose grand jury" based on the speech and debate clause issue.

Even so, prosecutors want Graham's testimony for a number of reasons. Among them are two phone calls that he made just after the 2020 election to Brad Raffensperger, Georgia's secretary of state, in which Graham inquired about ways to help Trump by invalidating certain mail-in votes.

They also want him to answer other questions about what they have called "the multistate, coordinated efforts to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere."

Prosecutors have said in court documents that they expect Graham's testimony "to reveal additional sources of information" related to their investigation.

Associated Press contributed.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Ford plans to appeal \$1.7B verdict in fatal Georgia pickup crash

From news services

WOODSTOCK, Ga. — Ford Motor Co. plans to appeal a \$1.7 billion verdict against the automaker after a pickup truck crash that claimed the lives of a Georgia couple, a company representative said Sunday.

Jurors in Gwinnett County, northeast of Atlanta, returned the verdict late last week in the yearslong civil case involving what the plaintiffs' lawyers called dangerously defective roofs on Ford pickup trucks, lawyer James Butler Jr. said Sunday.

Melvin and Vонcile Hill were killed in April 2014 in the rollover wreck of their 2002 Ford F-250.

Their children Kim and Adam Hill were the plaintiffs in the wrongful death case.

"While our sympathies go out to the Hill family, we do not believe the verdict is supported by the evidence, and we plan to appeal," Ford said in a statement Sunday.

Butler said he was stunned by evidence in the case.

"I used to buy Ford trucks," Butler said Sunday. "I thought nobody would sell a truck with a roof this weak. The damn thing is useless in a wreck. You might as well drive a convertible."

In closing arguments, lawyers hired by Ford defended the actions of the company and its engineers.

The Michigan-based automaker sought to defend the company against accusations "that Ford and its engineers acted willfully and wantonly, with a conscious indifference for the safety of the people who ride in their cars when they made these decisions about roof strength," defense lawyer William Withrow Jr. said in his closing arguments, according to a court transcript.

The allegation that Ford was irresponsible and will-

fully made decisions that put customers at risk is "simply not the case," another defense lawyer, Paul Malek, said in the same closing argument.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs had submitted evidence of nearly 80 rollover wrecks that involved truck roofs being crushed that injured or killed motorists, Butler's law firm, Butler Prather LLP, said in a statement.

Out of isolation: First lady Jill Biden left COVID-19 isolation Sunday after twice testing negative for the coronavirus and reunited with President Joe Biden at their Delaware beach home.

She had been isolating in South Carolina, where she tested positive for the virus as the couple wrapped up a vacation there last week. The president made a brief stop at the White House before going to Wilmington, Delaware. He arrived in Rehoboth Beach on Saturday night.

The White House said Tuesday that the first lady had tested positive for the virus. She first had symptoms Aug. 15. Like the president, she has been twice-vaccinated and twice-boostered with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

President Biden, 79, recovered from a rebound case of the virus Aug. 7.

Jill Biden, 71, was prescribed the antiviral drug Paxlovid and isolated for five days at the home on Kiawah Island, S.C., where they vacationed, before receiving negative results from two consecutive COVID-19 tests, spokeswoman Elizabeth Alexander said.

Japanese PM has virus: Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has been diagnosed with the coronavirus Sunday and canceled his planned travels while he isolates and recuperates.



People wade along a flooded street Sunday on the banks of the Ganges river in Allahabad, India. At least 40 have died and others are missing in flash floods triggered by monsoon rains in northern India over the past three days, officials said. The rains inundated hundreds of villages, swept away mud houses, flooded roads and destroyed bridges. SANJAY KANOJIA/GETTY-AFP

Kishida, 65, developed a slight fever and cough late Saturday and tested positive in a COVID-19 PCR test, said Noriyuki Shikata, the Cabinet secretary for public affairs at the prime minister's office.

"Prime Minister Kishida is isolated inside his residence," he said Sunday.

The prime minister was on summer vacation last week and was scheduled to return to work Monday.

Kishida won't go in person to a conference on African development later this month in Tunisia but will participate online. He also postponed his trip to the Middle East.

Deadly crashes in Turkey: Turkish authorities on Sunday investigated a pair of secondary crashes at emergency sites that killed at least 35 people the previous day. In both cases, first responders tending to earlier collisions were among the dead.

Saturday's tragedies happened 155 miles apart in southern Turkey. The first happened on the high-

way between Gaziantep and Nizip when a passenger bus collided with emergency teams that had responded to a crash in Mardin Province, west of Derik.

Three firefighters, two paramedics and two journalists were among the 15 people killed, according to Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu. Eight of the victims were from the bus, he said.

The Ilhas News Agency said two of its journalists were killed after pulling over to offer help to people involved in the initial accident, in which a car came off the highway and slid down an embankment.

The other incident happened late Saturday afternoon in Derik after the brakes of a truck failed, causing it to crash into two other vehicles near a gas station.

Singapore sex law: Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, of Singapore, said Sunday that the government would repeal the country's colonial-era law criminaliz-

ing sex between men, a step long sought by gay rights advocates, but that it would propose a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman.

Reversing his opposition to decriminalizing gay sex, Lee said he believed that the conservative nation was willing to accept the idea of sex between consenting men and revoke the law, known as Section 377A.

The law has not been enforced for 15 years, but gay rights advocates had sought to overturn it, arguing that it stigmatizes gay men and promotes discrimination. The law, enacted in 1938 during British rule, does not apply to women.

Israeli spyware maker: The CEO of embattled Israeli spyware maker NSO has stepped down as part of a corporate reorganization, the company said Sunday.

NSO has been connected to a number of scandals resulting from alleged misuse by customers of its flagship Pegasus phone surveillance software. Last year, the U.S. placed restrictions on the company, saying its tools had been used to "conduct transnational repression."

NSO denies any wrongdoing.

In a statement, the company said that CEO Shalev Hulio, one of its founders, would be stepping down. Yaron Shohat, the company's chief operating officer, will lead the firm on an interim basis and manage the reorganization process while it searches for a new CEO.

A company official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Hulio is to remain with the company. The official added that 100 employees, or roughly 13% of NSO's work force, would be dismissed.

Pegasus allows operators to stealthily invade a target's mobile device, giving them access to contacts, messages and movement history.

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Finland, Sweden to bolster NATO

Nations' small forces have proven combat skills and experience

By Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The first surprise, for the Finnish conscripts and officers taking part in a NATO-hosted military exercise in the Arctic this spring: the roar of a U.S. Marine helicopter assault force, touching down in a field next to the Finns' well-hidden command post.

The second surprise: Spilling out of their field headquarters, the Finnish Signal Corps communications workers and others inside routed the U.S. Marines — the Finns' designated adversary in the NATO exercise and members of America's professional and premier expeditionary force — in the mock firefight that followed.

Finnish camouflage for the Arctic snow, scrub and scree likely had kept the Americans from even realizing the command post was there when they landed, Finnish commander Lt. Col. Mikko Kuoka suspected.

As the exercise made clear, NATO's addition of Finland and Sweden — what President Joe Biden calls "our allies of the high north" — would bring military and territorial advantages to the Western defense alliance. That's especially so as the rapid melting of the Arctic from climate change awakens strategic rivalries at the top of the world.

In contrast to the NATO expansion into former Soviet states, the alliance would be bringing in two sophisticated militaries and, in Finland's case, a country with a remarkable tradition of national defense. Finland and Sweden are in a region on one of Europe's front lines and meeting places with Russia.

Finland, defending against Soviet Russia's inva-



Swedish and Finnish soldiers participate in NATO war drills June 11 in Sweden's Stockholm archipelago. JONAS GRATZER/GETTY

sion on the eve of World War II, relied on fighters on snowshoes and skis, expert camouflage, and reindeer transporting weapons.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine in late February, along with his pointed reminder about the Kremlin's nuclear arsenal and his repeated invocation of broad territorial claims stemming from the days of the Russian Empire, have galvanized current NATO nations into strengthening defenses and admitting new members.

Finland — until 1917 a grand duchy in that empire — and Sweden abandoned longtime national policies of military nonalignment. They applied to come under NATO's nuclear and conventional umbrella and join what is now 30 other member states in a powerful mutual defense pact, stipulating that an attack on one member is an attack on all.

Putin justified his invasion

of West-looking Ukraine as pushing back against NATO and the West as, he said, they encroached closer on Russia. A NATO that includes

Finland and Sweden would come as an ultimate rebuke for Putin's war, empowering the defensive alliance in a strategically important region, surrounding Russia in the Baltic Sea and Arctic Ocean, and crowding NATO up against Russia's western border for more than 800 additional miles.

"I spent four years, my term, trying to persuade Sweden and Finland to join NATO," former NATO secretary-general Lord George Robertson said this summer. "Vladimir Putin managed it in four weeks."

Russia in recent years has been "rearming up in the north, with advanced nuclear weapons, hypersonic missiles and multiple bases," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said this month. "Russia's threats,

and Russia's military buildup, mean that NATO is strengthening its presence in the north."

Finland and Sweden would bring a lot to that mix. But they're not without flaws.

Both countries downsized their militaries, cut defense funding and closed bases after the collapse of the Soviet Union. As of just five years ago, Sweden's national defense force could fit into one of Stockholm's soccer stadiums, a critic noted.

But as Putin grew more confrontational, Sweden reinstated conscription and otherwise moved to rebuild its military. Sweden has a capable navy and a high-tech air force. Like Finland, Sweden has a valued home-grown defense industry — it is one of the smallest countries in the world to build its own fighter jets.

Finland's defense force, meanwhile, is the stuff of legend.

In 1939 and 1940, Finland's tiny, miserably equipped forces, fighting alone, made the nation one of few to survive a full-on assault by the Soviet Union with independence intact.

Over the course of an exceptionally deadly cold winter, Finnish fighters, sometimes cloaked in bedsheets for camouflage and moving unseen on foot, snowshoes and skis, lost some territory but forced out the invaders.

Finns were responsible for up to 200,000 fatalities among invading forces versus an estimated 25,000 Finns lost, recounted Iskander Rehman, a fellow at Johns Hopkins' Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs.

Finland's constitution makes national defense an obligation of every citizen. Finland says it can muster a 280,000-strong fighting force, built on near-universal male conscription and a large, well-trained reserve,

equipped with modern artillery, warplanes and tanks, much of it U.S. supplied.

The U.S. and NATO are likely to increase their presence around the Baltic and Arctic with the accession of the two Scandinavian countries.

"Just looking at the map, if you add in Finland and Sweden, you essentially turn the entire Baltic Sea into a NATO lake," with just two smaller bits of Russia lining it, said Zachary Selden, a former director of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly's defense and security committee who is now a national security expert at the University of Florida.

Likewise, Russia will become the only non-NATO member among countries with claims to Arctic territory, and the only non-NATO member of the Arctic Council, an eight-member international forum created for Arctic issues.

Russia sees its military presence in the Arctic as vital to its European strategy, analysts say.

The Arctic is warming much faster under climate change than the Earth as a whole, opening up competition for Arctic resources and access as Arctic ice vanishes.

Russia has been building its fleet of nuclear-powered icebreakers, aiming to escort expected future commercial shipping traffic through the melting Arctic, "as a way to create this toll road for transit," said Sherri Goodman, a former U.S. first deputy undersecretary of defense.

Goodman points to future threats NATO will need to be able to deal with as the melting Arctic opens up, such as the kind of shadowy, unofficial forces Russia has used in Crimea and in Africa and elsewhere, and the increased risk of a hard-to-handle Russian nuclear maritime accident.

NATO strategy increasingly will incorporate the strategic advantage Finland and Sweden would bring to such scenarios, analysts said.



A member of Somali security force cordons off debris at the scene Sunday after al-Shabab extremist stormed a hotel Friday in Mogadishu, the capital. FARAH ABDI WARSAMEH/AP

Hotel attack ends in Somalia with at least 21 dead, 117 hurt

By Omar Faruk
Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Somali authorities Sunday ended an attack by Islamic extremists that left 21 people dead and 117 wounded when gunmen stormed a hotel in the capital.

It took Somali forces more than 30 hours to contain the fighters who had stormed Mogadishu's Hayat Hotel on Friday night in an assault that started with explosions. The attack is the first major terror attack in Mogadishu since Somalia's new leader, Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, took over in May.

The siege ended around midnight, police commissioner Abdi Hassan Hijar told reporters.

"During the attack, the security forces rescued many civilians trapped in the hotel, including women and children," he said.

Health Minister Dr. Ali Haji Adam reported 21 deaths and 117 people wounded, with at least 15 in critical condition.

He noted that some victims may not have been brought to hospitals.

The Islamic extremist

group al-Shabab, which has ties with al-Qaida, claimed responsibility for the attack, the latest of its frequent attempts to strike places visited by government officials.

Al-Shabab opposes the federal government and outside groups that support it. Al-Shabab remains the most lethal Islamic extremist group in Africa and the biggest threat to political stability in the volatile Horn of Africa nation.

Police have not yet given a detailed explanation of how the attack unfolded and it remains unclear how many gunmen entered the hotel.

Ismail Abdi, the hotel's manager, said early Sunday that security forces were still working to clear the area. The sound of gunfire ended at 9 a.m.

Onlookers gathered outside the gates of the badly damaged hotel Sunday.

Somalia's previous president, Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, avoided any major confrontation with al-Shabab. But Mohamud has said his government will take the offensive against the group's thousands of fighters, with the backing of returning U.S. forces.

Al-Shabab charged via its Andalus radio station that the attack on the hotel was in response to Mohamud's assertion that he would eliminate the group from Somalia.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the attack, saying the U.N. supports the people of Somalia "in their fight against terrorism and their march towards peace."

Al-Shabab has seized more territory in recent years, taking advantage of rifts among Somali security personnel as well as disagreements between the government seat in Mogadishu and regional states.

Forced to retreat from Mogadishu in 2011, al-Shabab is slowly making a comeback from the rural areas to which it retreated, defying the presence of African Union peacekeepers as well as U.S. drone strikes targeting its fighters.

The militants in early May attacked a military base for AU peacekeepers outside Mogadishu, killing many Burundian troops. The attack came just days before the presidential vote that returned Mohamud to power five years after he had been voted out.

Many in Haiti still struggling 1 year after deadly earthquake

By Evens Sanon and Danica Coto
Associated Press

LES CAYES, Haiti — The cinderblock home with a tin roof that Erline Castel and Dieunord Ernest rented was among the more than 130,000 houses damaged or destroyed by a powerful earthquake that struck southern Haiti last year, killing more than 2,200 people.

In the days after the

magnitude 7.2 quake hit, they gathered sheets, tarpaulins and wood and made a shelter for themselves and their three children. More than a year after the Aug. 14, 2021 quake, the family is still living in the same makeshift tent like hundreds of others, and still wondering if anyone will help them.

If recent history is any guide, few people will.

The Associated Press visited several camps surrounding the southern coastal city of Les Cayes, which was one of the hardest hit areas, and over and over again people complained that no government official had visited them despite repeated promises that they would come to help.

As the family waited for help, Ernest died of prostate cancer last year.

So today, Castel is alone, fighting for her family's survival like many struggling to restart their lives after the quake.

A few days ago, she tried to get her 9-month-old daughter to suckle. But after a year of surviving on scraps in a makeshift camp, Castel had no milk. The tiny girl, Wood Branan Ernest, fell asleep during her failed attempt.

"I don't have anything to provide for them," Castel said.

What's worse, others are victimizing the quake victims.

In one camp, friends of the property owner are



A woman sits in the opening of her tent last week at Camp Devirel, which was set up by survivors left homeless by last year's earthquake in Les Cayes, Haiti. ODELYN JOSEPH/AP

trying to take back the land where the refugees settled. Thugs have ripped apart the shacks, thrown rocks at families and tried to set the camp on fire twice in recent months.

The camp, like several others, also floods when it rains, forcing hundreds to flee to higher ground as they watch their belongings get drenched.

"I don't know how long I can continue like this," said Renel Cene, 65, who lost

four children in the quake and once toiled the nearby fields for vetiver, a plant whose roots produce an oil used in fine perfumes.

Those living in the camps say they've heard on the radio that local government officials have met with international leaders about the post-quake plights, but they question if they'll ever be helped.

"So far, it's all been promises," said Nicolas Wilbert Ernest, 55, a farmer.

On the quake's anniversary, government officials held a news conference describing the advances of the administration of Prime Minister Ariel Henry, who began leading the country after President Jovenel Moise was assassinated July 7, 2021.

Cassendy Charles, emergency program manager for the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit Mercy Corps, estimates it could take five years for the region to fully recover from the earthquake.

"The situation is volatile," he said.

it has planted 400 tons of beans, cleaned 10,000 meters of canals, distributed 22,000 bags of fertilizer and donated more than 300,000 baskets filled with basic goods. It has provided \$100 each to vulnerable people in tens of thousands of homes across the south. The state also opened a temporary bridge over the Grande-Anse River in early August.

But UNICEF warned last week that more than 250,000 children still have no access to adequate schools and that the majority of 1,250 schools destroyed or damaged have not been rebuilt. It noted that a lack of funds and a spike in violence have delayed reconstruction.

Gangs have increasingly seized control of the main road leading from the capital of Port-au-Prince to Haiti's southern region, disrupting efforts to provide food, water and other basic goods to those in need.

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Cash bail

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July 27, 2021. He wore his orange jumpsuit as he stepped into the summer heat, lowering his mask to protect him from COVID-19 to smile at his loved ones as they cheered his release.

Audrey and Alexis were elated. Alexis, who was 8 when her uncle went to jail for manslaughter, said it felt like a weight had lifted off her shoulders when she saw Bryan walk out of the courthouse. Audrey, meanwhile, said it felt like their family was finally complete.

"The missing piece of the puzzle was back in the family again."

A way out — for a price

On Sept. 19, 2005, Bryan Jordan got into a fight with Curtis Hannons and Hannons' brother in New Haven. The crowd around them broke up the dispute before things got out of hand. Bryan got in his car and drove away, but he came back a few minutes later.

The fight resumed. The people around Hannons and Jordan tried to calm them down again. Bryan would testify in later hearings that although he didn't see their weapons, he knew Hannons and his brother had guns.

Someone fired their weapon. Bryan pulled out a gun of his own and shot back, testifying that he didn't think there was anything he could do except fire in the direction where he thought the first shot came from. Hannons was hit in the head, two inches below his right ear. He was transported to the hospital, where he later died.

Bryan fled to Georgia. Department of Correction records indicate he was jailed on Nov. 14, 2005. Two years later, jurors found him guilty of first-degree manslaughter with a firearm and carrying a pistol without a permit. He was sentenced to 45 years.

A decade into his sentence, Jordan filed a writ of habeas corpus. He claimed that the lawyer representing him in the 2007 trial had been ineffective because she hadn't called six witnesses — among them Alexis and Audrey — who might have changed the outcome.

Superior Court Judge Hunchu Kwak sided with Jordan, ruling on Oct. 1, 2018, that there was no strategic reasoning for not calling those witnesses to testify to support Jordan's claim that he had been acting in self-defense.

The ruling gave Jordan the chance to get out of prison on bail. After the judge's decision, Jordan was technically being held as a pretrial suspect again, since Kwak ruled he could be tried again for manslaughter.

The state appealed Kwak's ruling, but Jordan had a chance to bond out before the case was resolved. On May 21, 2019, a judge set the bond at \$450,000, ordering that if he was going to post it, he must do so at the courthouse so the judge could consider subjecting him to electronic monitoring.

State's attorneys — who in previous court hearings had described the shooting as a "cold-blooded killing" — sought to raise the bond after the judge set it at \$450,000, arguing in July 2021 that Jordan might flee because an appellate court had since overturned Kwak's decision and the case was in appeal limbo. After all, the state argued, he'd run before when he was facing prison time, when he went to Georgia after Hannons' death.

Raising the money

Alexis started collecting donations in May 2019, after Bryan's bond was set at \$450,000. She started a GoFundMe account and shared it on social media, and she took money she earned from her business selling dog and cat treats and put it toward Bryan's bond. The family held "Rasta Pasta" events and fish fry dinners. And they partnered with Connecticut Bail Fund, helping raise awareness about Bryan's case by talking about it on a radio show.

The Bail Fund typically works with incarcerated people whose bonds are less than \$20,000. But Richardson knows Bryan personally, and his organization and others in the advocacy community kept in touch with Bryan while he was locked up. That meant he had support that many others held pretrial do not.

"He had that luxury of having people that really cared and supported him, that kept

amplifying the injustice that he was going through," Richardson said. "A lot of people don't have that luxury of support from the community. So a lot of the stuff that they're doing, they're doing in silence, and it goes unnoticed."

Rather than imposing their own suggestions, Bail Fund supports families' ideas for how to come up with money, so they shared the Jordan family GoFundMe on social media and helped where they could with the fundraisers and raising awareness. They even offered up their office as a space to host the fish fry.

But their support went beyond the tangible. They became a creator of a community, supporting Bryan and his family by not only helping them get the money to bail Bryan out but by showing them that they weren't alone in their struggle.

There's an empowerment that comes from the Bail Fund's efforts, Richardson said. Many families trying to raise money to bail someone out go through those experiences

The law also allows for people to make a down payment of the full premium, 35% of the cost, so they don't have to pay the full amount at once. That would have meant Bryan would need to pay \$14,752.50 to get out of jail. He would then have 15 months to pay the remaining \$27,397.50.

Alexis said she and her family ended up raising about \$10,000. But getting the money wasn't the only hurdle. To ensure the bond company got all its money for bailing Bryan out, Bryan would need co-signers, volunteers who would chip in and cover the cost of the \$500 a month Bryan was supposed to pay if he couldn't.

Getting people to co-sign was even harder than getting them to donate, Alexis said. "Some people, they're looking at that as, 'I'm not signing my name on the dotted line for nobody, because that's a huge responsibility if things don't go right.'"

She asked anyone who might say yes, even co-workers who had never met her uncle. The risk even made Alexis nervous;

that's what they legally have signed to do."

It cost a lot of money to bond Bryan out of jail, but his freedom was priceless. He tried to make the most of his time at home, getting a job and becoming a fully matriculated student at the University of New Haven, pursuing a degree through the Yale Prison Education Initiative, which he had started earning when he was incarcerated.

He gave talks on the transformative effects college courses offer the incarcerated and spoke on the Bail Fund's radio show, offering thoughtful reflections of the time he spent incarcerated and the effect it had on his family. And he talked about his case publicly, imploring prosecutors to use their power of discretion and stop pursuing the case against him.

His freedom would prove short-lived. On Nov. 5, 2021 the state Supreme Court agreed with the appellate court: Kwak had gotten it wrong. His appellate lawyer petitioned for reconsideration of the decision, which the Supreme Court denied on Dec. 21, 2021. Jordan would have to turn himself in and serve the rest of his 45-year sentence. He'd been free for five months.

Bryan hadn't been able to save any money when he was home. If he's unable to make his monthly bond payments, the burden will fall to his cosigners.

"He's been gone for two days, and already the bail bondsman called me this morning, asking me what's going on as far as with the bond," said Alexis.

By law, defendants have 15 months to pay the balance of a bond financed by a bondsman. If the balance has not been paid within that time, or if they are 60 days late on a payment, bond agents must file a lawsuit to try and collect from the defendant or their co-signers.

If they are successful in civil court and the payments still aren't made despite the judgment, bondsmen can apply to the court for a wage or property execution, meaning they can place a lien on a person's car or property, or garnish their wages.

But even with a civil judgment in favor of the bondsmen, Casey said, it can be hard to collect money they are owed because, often, defendants and their co-signers aren't working and don't own property.

Co-signers serve as more of a "psychological advantage," in Casey's words, than as someone bondsmen can sue to get their money.

"You would use them to ascertain where the defendant might be," she said. "But more often than not, they probably don't have the financial means to fulfill the legal obligation on the bond."

But someone like Bryan, who is already incarcerated, will be brought to their next court date from jail. There's no risk of what Casey described as a "worst case scenario" for a bondsman, that the defendant goes on the run and the bondsman is on the hook for the amount of their bond.

Nonetheless, the bail company that got Bryan out of jail has to try to get its money back, Casey said, because if it doesn't, it's essentially a form of rebating — charging less for a bond than what is statutorily required.

Considering the length of his sentence, Bryan doesn't regret posting bond, even if it cost him and his family dearly.

Before bonding out last summer, Bryan hadn't seen his mother in 10 years. She doesn't have a car and couldn't afford to make the trek to go see him when he was in prisons in Suffield, Newtown or Uncasville.

People who aren't imprisoned take it for granted that they can hug and kiss their mothers on the cheek whenever they want, Bryan said.

"I don't know what type of price you put on that," he said on a phone call two days before going back to jail. "How much would you pay to do that again?"

Two and a half months later, on March 3, 2022, a judge granted Bryan's sentence modification, cutting 20 years off his 45-year sentence. Koch said it wasn't clear when Bryan was getting out, but his next step was to file a commutation.

According to the Department of Correction, the latest date Bryan could be released is Oct. 7, 2027.

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— Jewu Richardson, co-executive director of the Connecticut Bail Fund



Bryan Jordan was one of 12 incarcerated people selected of more than 600 applicants to be a part of the Yale Prison Education Initiative's inaugural class. ZELDA FITZGERALD / CTMIRROR

alone. Bail Fund's support of families shows them they have support not only from the nonprofit but from their fellow community members.

"It's therapeutic when things like this happen, where they don't have to suffer by themselves," said Richardson.

Bryan needed community support. "Our family is not the family that just has hundreds of dollars lying around in a savings account, where we can just pull out, 'Oh well, here's \$10,000 to go toward a bail,'" said Audrey.

And it's not like Bryan could post it by himself. After all, Richardson said, besides a paltry sum he might have made working in the prison system, Bryan didn't have an income for the 16 years he was incarcerated.

"How can a person post a bond that high without support from the community?" Richardson asked.

A shared risk

State statute provides a formula for how much a person is supposed to pay a bondsman for taking on the risk of getting them out of jail. The fee is 10% up to the first \$5,000, then 7% for the balance. In Bryan's case, that would make his premium, the amount he would have to pay to get out of jail, \$42,150.

after one of her co-workers offered to co-sign, she told them to forget about it, not wanting them to be on the hook.

Alexis said they wound up getting 10 co-signers, herself included.

"I knew once Bryan was to come home, he would be on his toes, and he'd actually get a job, and he was going to be the man that he's supposed to be," Alexis said. "No missing payments and anything like that. I don't feel like that would have ever been a problem, because Bryan isn't that type of person."

Bond companies need co-signers because they are putting themselves on the line by bonding someone out of jail, said Mary Casey, owner of Casey Bail Bonds Inc. Casey's company didn't bail Bryan out, but she has been an active member of the state's commercial bond industry for almost 45 years.

"We as surety agents are lending defendants money to get out on bail, and just like in a bank loan, you want to make sure your assets are covered in the event the defendant absconds and does not show up in court," Casey said.

If they do run, Casey said, "you then turn around and go to your indemnitors, and either find out where the defendant is and remand him back in custody or ask them to pay the full amount of the bond, because

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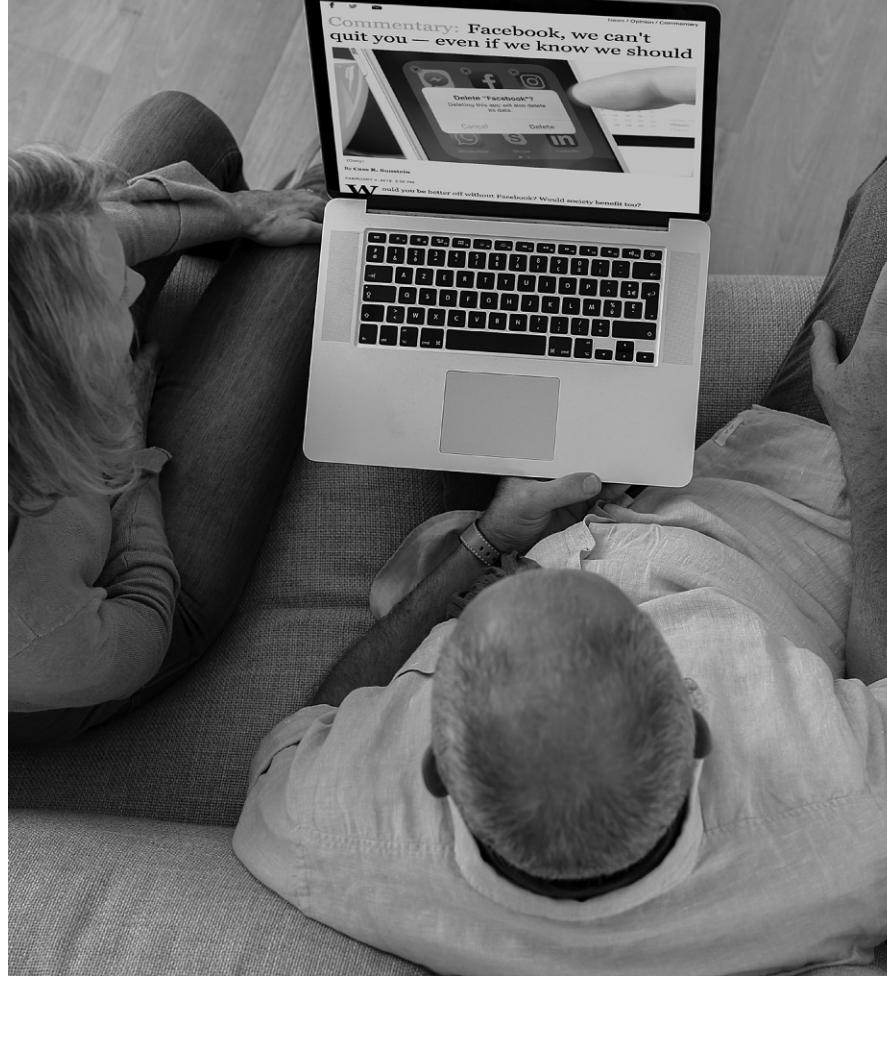
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Hartford schools chief talks hopes ahead of new year

By Alison Cross

Hartford Courant

Hartford Public Schools Superintendent Leslie Torres-Rodriguez is excited to welcome students back to the capital city's classrooms on Monday, Aug. 29, for a school year that aims to address the staffing, attendance and mental health challenges that were exacerbated by the pandemic.

With the start of the new school year approaching, Torres-Rodriguez said that the district has

vacancies in 14% of all positions. Most notably, 92 classroom teaching positions remain open.

Torres-Rodriguez said that as Hartford Public Schools works to staff those roles, the district's 110 substitute teachers, which include a number of retired educators, will fill the gaps.

"We know that all of our students deserve to have a highly qualified teacher on a regular basis," Torres-Rodriguez said.



Torres-Rodriguez

"Student engagement matters, and we want students to establish relationships with not only their peers but with the adults in our learning communities. We're grateful that we have some of our retirees that are returning. But the [vacancy] numbers

are fluid because the efforts continue."

Since the start of the hiring season, Torres-Rodriguez said

that the district has hired 190 new teachers. This month, Hartford Public Schools welcomed more than a dozen educators from Puerto Rico to curb the staffing shortage that Torres-Rodriguez said has been a problem for Hartford even before the pandemic.

"I wish I could say it was just started during COVID, [but] that has not been the reality in urban districts," Torres-Rodriguez said. "We've struggled with staffing, and I'm so glad that the conversation now has broadened because

I know that it's impacting other communities as well."

Emphasizing the importance of class attendance will be another key focus for the 2022-23 school year. Torres-Rodriguez said that the district hopes to work with families and students to reduce the number of chronically absent students who have missed 18 or more school days.

Over the years, Hartford has experienced a steady rise in

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Yashara Starling, right, of Manchester, and her twin daughters, Mariela and Marley, 7, wave Puerto Rican flags at a passing float at the 2022 Puerto Rican Day Parade in Hartford on Sunday. Starling said she got the matching Puerto Rican flag dresses for her daughters during a trip to Puerto Rico earlier this year. It was the girls' first time at the parade.

Puerto Rican Day party

Photos by Cloe Poisson | Special to The Courant

The usual large crowd lined Main Street on Sunday for the annual Hartford Puerto Rican Day Parade. With nearly 3,000 participants, it is the largest parade in the Hartford region. Following the parade was the Festival del Coqui at Bushnell Park featuring live music, artistry and plenty of food.



ABOVE: Hartford City Councilman Jimmy Sanchez points to a paradesgoer as he rides in a convertible. RIGHT: A young girl waves at the crowds lining Main Street as she rides a float.



Chancellor beginning a new chapter

Politics may have played a role in Kaplan's early retirement decision

By Pam McLoughlin

Hartford Courant

When Steven Kaplan took the helm of the University of New Haven in 2004, the school was in such poor shape that the chairman of the Board of Governors told him, "I have good news for you. Nobody ever fell off a floor," Kaplan said.

Eighteen years later, as Kaplan prepares for retirement, UNH is a whole new university with an endowment of "well over \$100 million" compared to "less than \$10 million" in 2004, Charles Pompea, chair of the Board of Governors, said.

"Steve has just done a magnificent job," said Pompea. "If it wasn't



Steven Kaplan was recently appointed chancellor and chief executive officer of the University of New Haven after stepping down as president. He has decided to leave the new position at the end of the 2023 school year to enjoy more retirement time sooner. DEFINING STUDIOS

for Steve Kaplan, [the] University of New Haven might not be in existence today."

According to information provided by UNH, in 2004 there were 2,000 full-time undergraduates compared to today's approximately 4,800, and the six-year graduation rate was 44% to today's 66%.

In 2004, UNH had cash and investments of \$8 million compared to about \$126 million now, and total net assets in 2004 of \$32.6 million compared to \$250 million today.

There were about 20 buildings on campus back then. Today there are 80.

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COVID-19 front-line worker turns marathoner

She's using race to raise funds for lung health

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Raquel "Rocky" Robinson was one of the many front-line hospital workers who had to face life and death on a daily basis helping COVID-19 patients as an ICU technician at Waterbury Hospital during the height of the pandemic.

"The days were much longer, very stressful, because I do work in an intensive care unit. So we did get the sickest of the sick," she said.

She needed an outlet to destress from the dreariness she was witnessing at her job and decided to take up running after work.

After committing to running, Robinson realized that her daily runs were increasing in time.

"I [would] just go for a run,



Raquel Robinson celebrates after one of her races. COURTESY RAQUEL ROBINSON

look at my watch and realize that I've been running for like an hour and a half ... It was a really good way to destress after long shifts at

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Kaplan was recently appointed chancellor and chief executive officer of the school after stepping down from the presidency to lessen his day-to-day duties. The original plan was for Kaplan to maintain oversight for two years while an interim president served and a nationwide search was launched for a permanent replacement. Now, amid faculty "politics," which Kaplan downplays, he has decided to leave the new position at the end of the 2023 school year to enjoy more retirement time sooner.

The next chapter

Although the change in schedule came amid the "politics," it was a change in time frame Kaplan had been desiring, he said. After stepping down as chancellor and CEO, Kaplan will serve a two-year, working sabbatical, continuing to raise funds.

"I will always be accessible to whoever succeeds me, but I also want to be out of that person's way from the day she or he takes office," he said.

Pompea said Kaplan started raising the issue of a separation with the board two years ago, but they convinced him to stay.

"We hate to see him go, but it's time for him to enjoy life," Pompea said, noting it's a perfect scenario to have Kaplan enjoy retirement while being on a working sabbatical to keep success going at UNH.

Kaplan, who answered The Courant's questions by email while traveling through the Arctic Circle, is quick to outline his retirement plans.

"To have far more time to play with my four grandchildren; to spend more time with my wife and family at our home in the South of France; to write a novel; and to travel like crazy."

The "political" issue among campus faculty was disclosed recently in a letter from Pompea to the university community.

Pompea wrote in that letter, "It was communicated to Steve that some faculty were pushing for him to leave the Chancellor's post before 2024. The climate created by this inappropriate interference in the management and oversight of the chief executive strengthens



When Steven Kaplan took the helm of the University of New Haven in 2004, the school was in poor shape. Eighteen years later, the university has an endowment of well over \$100 million. FILE

the Board in its conviction that it should remain committed to the two-year timeframe for conducting a presidential search."

There wasn't a lot of official detail on dissatisfaction from the faculty, but Kaplan has since dismissed it to a vocal few.

"Within any organization, there are always people who are positioning themselves for influence and power," Kaplan wrote in an email.

He said at every university there are three major groups of faculty, including those who are "so caught up in supporting their students and doing their own research that they generally cannot find the time to get caught up" in politics; those who provide service to the university but do so collegially and positively; and "the small but very vocal and often dominating minority who see it as their role to oppose the administration as often as possible."

Kaplan wrote that the latter group generally considers it a "badge of honor to mistrust and indeed at times attack the administration."

Faculty senate president Alexandra Guzman released a statement, in part, in response to Kaplan.

"We faculty members read with interest Steven H. Kaplan's announcement that he will leave the university at the end of this academic year and we wish him all the best in the next chapter of his life," she said. "The faculty at [the] University of New Haven has been unfailingly professional in its approach to our students and to university-shared governance. We are devoted to the highest quality education for our students and the continued success of the university."

Kaplan said he decided to move his retirement along because was enjoying semi-retirement.

Pompea said UNH was lucky because Kaplan has so many great ideas, a love of the community and close relationships with donors.

"He never stops. ... He's got the patience of a saint," Pompea said. "We can't be more pleased with where the direction of the university is going."

As for the faculty issues, Pompea said there is always someone who disagrees with someone.

Kaplan, who has been characterized as a "dictator" by some staff, calls himself a "benevolent dictator."

"I am, but I have also gotten pretty good results," he said.

The growth of UNH

UNH Chief Financial Officer George Synodi, who was hired in 2002, said that when he arrived at UNH, the financial challenges were so "insurmountable" that he wondered if he had made the wrong decision in taking the job.

He referred to UNH as a "terribly underperforming asset" at the time.

"I can tell you that back in 2002 when I started at UNH, the primary credit concern for our university was whether we would be in existence five years later in 2007," Synodi said.

But under Kaplan it all turned around, he said.

Synodi said the university's credit standing as analyzed by the key agencies has been ranked higher specifically because they recognize the strong financial management by Kaplan.

"I became bullish on UNH after President Kaplan arrived in 2004, and I remain so today," he said. "I can share today that coming to UNH turned out to be the best professional decision I could have ever made in my career. The turnaround is astounding."

Asked how the university landscape has changed since he took office, Kaplan said they have gone

from an "amenities war" — everyone racing to build the best rec center, climbing wall, residence halls, etc. — to a "discounting and scholarship war because of demographics and demand."

"This war is proving to be far more costly and will likely bring down many tuition-driven institutions," Kaplan said. "UNH is tuition-driven but strong enough by all measures to weather this most recent storm, which will likely last until the demographics improve later in this decade."

Kaplan said the biggest accomplishments of his tenure include hiring almost 90% of the faculty and a large portion of the staff during the last 18 years.

"They are for the most part an exceptionally talented group who have transformed the outcomes of our very talented student body," Kaplan said. "Our rankings, our fundraising, and our reputation have all been significantly enhanced by this. I am also really proud of our campus in Tuscany, our Science and Engineering Magnet School, and the Orange Campus for our Pompea College of Business, all of which would not exist if I had not been at UNH."

As for trends taking shape in higher education, Kaplan said, "I keep telling the faculty that there is some Amazon, Uber, Airbnb-like entities out there preparing to dominate the higher education landscape.

"I don't know what this will look like or where it will come from, but it is coming. I am trying to prepare us for this by building partnerships around the globe with successful for-profit higher ed. organizations. There is much work to be done here."

Kaplan said in the coming year it is among his goals to complete the strategic partnerships and initiatives that he has undertaken to lessen the university's dependence on undergraduate tuition revenue.

"By the end of this year, we will be on a path to having far more of our income stem from graduate and online programs," he said.

So what does Kaplan hope his legacy will be?

"That all of my efforts as President will be seen as having had one common goal: to enrich the educational experience and thus the lives of all of our students."

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chronic absenteeism, with rates that more than double the state average.

Torres-Rodriguez said eliminating chronic absenteeism was a challenge that Hartford Public Schools decided to tackle before 2020, but the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic ultimately derailed their efforts.

In the 2020-21 school year, 44.4% of Hartford students were chronically absent, a nearly 75% increase from pre-pandemic levels, according to data from the state Department of Education.

"Chronic absenteeism ... was exacerbated by the pandemic," Torres-Rodriguez said, adding that the district is "trying to recalibrate with our families, with our students as to the importance of attending school, not only on the first day, but regularly thereafter."

Torres-Rodriguez pointed to research showing that chronic



Zy'annah King, 6, and Sa-Nya Caneron, 4, wait in line for the eighth annual Back to School Block Party in Hartford. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

absenteeism can further fuel learning loss. Missing class can impact a student's ability to read at grade level and can even indicate whether or not a student will drop out of high school.

One contributing factor to this multifaceted issue, Torres-Rodri-

guez said, is student mental health.

While shortages persist in other areas, Hartford added 30 social workers to its schools — an expansion that Torres-Rodriguez said will provide much-needed support to the school community in its post-pandemic recovery.

"I'm always mindful of the mental health needs of our students, our families and even our staff," Torres-Rodriguez said. "There was a universal shared experience that we had, and some of us are still working through some residual trauma and loss, and some of us are still working through our grief. ... And so we are identifying additional mental health supports."

Despite the pandemic-fueled challenges that continue to impact Connecticut's schools, Torres-Rodriguez said that she is excited about the new opportunities that lie ahead for Hartford.

She said that this year Hartford Public Schools will use a portion of its COVID-19 relief funds to finance flexible "Equity Innovation Grants" that will allow administrators, teachers and students to work together to implement new programs that benefit their schools.

Most of all, Torres-Rodriguez said, she is excited to see students back in the classroom.

"I was interacting with some of our new teachers, and they're overly excited because this is their first time in Hartford, and they want to get to know their students and their families and their colleagues," Torres-Rodriguez said. "I am excited about the students and getting students back."

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Setting the record straight

An article headlined "A space to share, celebrate culture" on Page 1 of Saturday's Connecticut section

incorrectly identified Master Jack Guo, owner of Wu Dang Kung Fu Academy. He is the founder and president of the New England Asian American Cultural Center. Shirley Chock is cofounder.

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Aircraft of the Eastern Theater Command of the Chinese People's Liberation Army conduct joint combat training exercises around Taiwan on Aug. 7.
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As its baby bust worsens, China will become ever more dangerous

By George F. Will
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — On Jan. 10, 1980, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, then in the first of his four terms, delivered a Senate speech pertinent to today's foremost U.S. foreign policy challenge: China. Casting a cold eye on the Soviet Union 17 days after its Christmas Eve invasion of Afghanistan, Moynihan criticized the preceding decade's excessive emphasis on detente (citing Samuel Johnson: "the triumph of hope over experience"). He added that increased Soviet stridency and aggressiveness suggested the behavior of "a wounded bear." He had recently said "the defining event" of the 1980s "might well be the breakup of the Soviet Empire." And it also could be "the defining danger."

Forty-two years later, China becomes more dangerous as its decline becomes more predictable. Writing in the Spectator, Rana Mitter, a British historian and political scientist, cites a U.N. report that China's population growth has declined 94%, from 8 million in 2011 to 480,000 last year. The projection of China's 15- to 64-year-old population in 2100 has been revised from 579 million to 378 million.

"Today," Mitter writes, "every 100 working-age Chinese need to support 20 retirees. If trends continue, by the turn of the next century, every 100 workers will have to support 120 retirees."

The 10.6 million Chinese babies born in 2021 were 1.4 million fewer than in 2020. "This," Mitter says, "was a lower birth rate than in the great famine of the 1950s." Four years ago, Chinese media encouraged women looking for "Mr. Right" to settle for "Mr. OK." A newspaper

editorial explained that "marriage is a process of tolerating each other."

All this might mean, Mitter says, that "China's ambition to become the world's largest economy is slipping out of reach." The Soviet Union in the 1980s became more truculent as it became more anxious about its waning vitality compared with that of the West and the "Asian Tigers" — e.g., Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan. As China becomes increasingly fixated on its demographic destiny, it, too, might become more dangerous. If intractable population trends indicate that China is at its geopolitical apogee, it might attempt to leap at Taiwan through a closing window of opportunity.

If so, deterrence requires urgency in turning the island into the much-discussed "porcupine," so well-armed and trained (for mountain and urban warfare) that it is too prickly to swallow. John R. Bolton, presidential national security adviser 2018-2019, suggests in National Review "home-porting" U.S. naval vessels and stationing meaningful U.S. military forces in Taiwan. Troop deployments will be necessary in any case to train and assist Taiwanese troops to handle the new weapons systems and necessary joint military exercises.

This will take years. Passing the Taiwan Policy Act can be done immediately.

The act would, inter alia, designate Taiwan as a "major non-NATO ally," authorize \$6.5 billion over four years in security assistance to prepare for various threats (invasion, blockade, cyberattacks), authorize a War Reserve Stockpile (prepositioned munitions and other vital supplies), prevent restrictions on bilateral relations between U.S. officials and their Taiwan counterparts, and elevate Taiwan's status in international institutions.

The TPA also would mandate changing the U.S. government's vocabulary pertaining to Taiwan, changes that might seem trivial to Americans, but would not seem so to Beijing: ending the practice of referring to Taiwan's government as the "Taiwan authorities," changing the language used to describe Taiwan's diplomatic presence in Washington from "Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office" to "Taiwan Representative Office."

These would be small increments in treating Taiwan — a vibrant democracy of 24 million — as what is manifestly is: a nation-state. Small increments can have a large cumulative effect, which is why, for example, Beijing, since House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, has been trying to establish a new normal by increasing the intensity of its military operations in the air and sea around the island.

When asked on Aug. 8 whether the Defense Department has changed its assessment that China will not attempt a military conquest of Taiwan in the next two years, Colin Kahl, undersecretary of defense for policy, was admirably terse: "No."

Assessments can, of course, be mistaken — Pearl Harbor, Chinese intervention in the Korean War, the 1968 Tet offensive in Vietnam, weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, etc. The Defense Department's assessment of the likelihood of a near-term invasion had better be right. Reports vary concerning the number of simulations there have been in recent years of U.S.-China military conflict over Taiwan. Whatever the number is, it appears to be almost the number in which China prevailed.

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Don't force elderly out of the spotlight

By Paul Keane

Society doesn't just devalue the elderly. It is trying to get them off the stage by bringing down the curtain.

Pope Francis, at 85, calls the way we warehouse old people in rest homes a form of "covert euthanasia." I think he's got it wrong.

COVID-19 is the "covert euthanasia" that allows society to look the other way as huge numbers of the elderly go to their reward.

As a 71-year-old Harvard-trained brain surgeon friend of mine puts it: "You are right: COVID has become the new weapon of ageism: covert euthanasia indeed. I even see it among my own kids. They'll make remarks like: 'Well, Biden caught it twice because he's old.'"

And ageism isn't the only way society tries to get the elderly out of the spotlight.

Bill Maher, the often humorless comedian-host of HBO's hugely successful talk show "Real Time," bluntly asserts that most COVID deaths have been among the elderly and the overweight, and indeed nearly 70% of the million American pandemic deaths are in the age group 65 and above.

A February 2022 article in Deadline quotes Maher as calling "for an end to fear campaigns, pointing out that the likely targets for COVID-19 health problems — the elderly, the obese, the unvaccinated — were not his responsibility at this point."

Apparently Maher has become my brother's denier instead of my brother's keeper.

Maher better look over his shoulder soon — at the clock. Time is gaining, and before he knows it the "elderly" will indeed be his "responsibility" since he will be one of them if, at 66, he has not already entered that chronological land of no return.

I'm 77. The same age Charlie Rose was 3 years ago when he was axed from his TV dynasty ("60 Minutes," "CBS Morn-

ing" and PBS's "Charlie Rose Show") for sexual harassment. I cheered at his well-deserved downfall.

But then I heard a TV moderator respond to Rose's words of regret with this statement "Please! Leave the stage!"

Suddenly I realized the honest urgency in those words. The younger generation is chomping at the bit for those of us who are elderly to get out of the spotlight, whatever the circumstance, in this case a very negative one.

My act of writing this very op-ed is probably an example of the very refusal of an old person to leave the stage. Get out of the way you old crock!

Consider this headline "Why is Congress so old?"

The article on Medium announces the breathtaking insight: "There are big downsides to a political system that amounts to rule by the elderly."

There are also big upsides to such political systems too: Consider Benjamin Franklin at 84, Winston Churchill at 80, Charles DeGaulle at 79, Conrad Adenauer at 90, Nelson Mandella at 80, and yes, Joe Biden at 79.

Or would America be better served if the oldocracy "left the stage"? Do we need a younger person in the spotlight?

There's an 82-year-old American congresswoman defying the head of the Chinese government as I write this piece.

She neither raised her fist nor ran away. She's got spunk as Lou Grant said of Mary Tyler Moore. She's also got savvy. The savvy of decades.

And let's not forget a 76-year-old ex-president who had an audience of 88.7 million followers on Twitter.

You can't get people off the stage no matter how old they are when the curtain is raised by an audience one finger at a time: Digital democracy.

All people are created equal — and stay that way until they die.

Paul Keane is a Connecticut native, a Yale Divinity School graduate and a retired Vermont teacher.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Polling sites need to accommodate all voters

Voting should be an easy process for anyone because accommodations have been made for citizens with disabilities. Nevertheless, I left my polling location with frustration because personnel are not trained on how to operate these accommodations. I have a mobility disability and I voted in the Aug. 9 primary. After I made the moderators aware that I needed accommodations, I was sent to the poll clerk. I was placed at a laptop located in front of the polling room where I had no privacy. The poll manger did not know how to access the computer that would enable me to vote. She had to call IT to come and help us.

Eventually, I voted but my ballot was placed incorrectly into the slot so I had to begin the voting process over again. One hour later, I finally voted. I have a right to vote. I hope the polling personnel will be trained on how to use the polling accommodations for people with disabilities.

Mary-Ann Langton, West Hartford

Suggesting a new nickname for Trump

For years, the law-and-order crowd (of which the Republicans claim to be the guiding light) would mock those who refused to answer questions on the grounds that it

might incriminate them, as allowed by the Fifth Amendment. They derisively chided, "What have you got to hide?" In Donald Trump's own words, "You see the mob take the Fifth. If you're innocent, why do you take the Fifth?" No argument here. But that is the right of the accused, and often the court never gets to learn what the witness doesn't want to admit. Recently, Trump announced that during his upcoming deposition in New York he would not answer any questions, legally asserting his right. This cries out for a nickname for the former namer-in-chief. Since he always wanted to be called "The 45th," as in president No. 45, I believe it should logically be modified to "Forty-take-the-Fifth."

Norman L. Bender, Woodbridge

In US, we are fortunate to have voting rights

Just think how fortunate we are. We have the opportunity to vote for the politicians we think will serve us best. And if our candidate is not elected, we will have the opportunity to again vote in two or four years.

This is not Russia or China or a country that doesn't allow the freedom of choices. This is the United States of America and I and you can vote for whomever we choose. This is what freedom is, a country of choices. God Bless America.

Jill Price, Newington

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Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES**Ahlberg, Donald Edward "Don"**

Donald Edward "Don" Ahlberg, 88, of South Glastonbury, loving husband to the late Evelyn (Schultz) Ahlberg, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 7, 2022. At the time he passed, Don was surrounded by his family in the home that he built and lived in. Don was born April 10, 1934 in Waterbury, one of three children to the late Alexis William and Frieda (Gramitt) Ahlberg. The family moved to Hartford and he graduated from Bulkeley High School and continued his education, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Trinity College. During the Korean Conflict, Don served as a member of the National Guard, based at Bradley Field. Following his service, Don was employed for many years as a Mechanical Engineer at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. Don had many interests outside of work. He was a member of the CT Horticulture Society, CT Arbor Society, Hartford Tropical Fish Club, Glastonbury Chorus, Friends of Nayaug, and was a frequent blood donor for the American Red Cross. He was a very active member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford and its craft group.

A true labor of love, Don and Evie designed and built their home in the Nayaug farming section of South Glastonbury. It has been described as a "sight to behold". He raised animals and tended his flower, vegetable and fruit gardens and donated many of the crops to those in need. Other passions included hosting impressive gatherings for friends and family, making wine using fruit from his own gardens, and building his coin collection. He was also a generous benefactor to many charitable foundations, including Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Trinity College.

Most of all, Don loved his family and spending time with them. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his nieces and nephews, Alan Ahlberg and his wife Peggy of Glastonbury, Eric Ahlberg of Exeter, RI, Amy Johanna Ahlberg of Pawtucket, RI, Scott Daniels and his wife Laurie of Dade City, FL and Sandra Murphy of Poughkeepsie, NY as well as his adored great nieces and great nephews, Kyle, Andrew, Matthew, Joseph and Sarah. He will also live on in the heart of his longtime companion, Pamela Caywood of East Granby and her family.

In addition to his wife and parents, Don was predeceased by his brother, Allan W. Ahlberg, sister and brother-in-law, Audrey M. (Ahlberg) and Gordon E. Daniels, sister-in-law Betty Schiedler and Keith Murphy, late husband of Sandra.

A memorial service celebrating Don's life will be held on Friday, September 9, 2022 at 10 am in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capital Avenue, Hartford. Inurnment will follow the service in Hillside Cemetery, 27 Hillside Avenue, Terryville, CT 06786. (Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church the morning of the service). There are no calling hours. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capital Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 or HHC Hospice at Home, c/o Hartford Hospital - Philanthropy, 80 Seymour Street, P.O. Box 5037, Hartford, CT 06102-5037. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit [glastonburyfuneralhome.com](#).

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Funeral ChapelPlease sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](#)**Cosham, Donald A**

Donald A. Cosham, age 81, passed away on 8-1-2022. Don was born on 6-26-1941 to W. Edward and May L. Cosham of West Hartford. Don graduated from RPI in 1964 and in 1974 became a partner at Herbert Newman & Partners in New Haven. He has been listed as a notable Architect by Marquis Who's Who. He was involved in many projects including Union Station in New Haven and Milford CT Jai Alai. He leaves to cherish his memory his brother David (Carol) sister Judith Cromack, niece Holly Linton and nephews Todd Cromack, Shawn Cromack, Bryan Cosham-Tittle and Matthew Natale along with many neighbors and friends at his beloved Madison beach. At Don's request there will be no service. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

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77, Passed Away on 8/06/22. She was predecease by her daughter Joy Mason. She leaves her son and his wife, Troy and Lisa Davidson. Three grandchildren, Cheryl Wheeler, Justin and Jamie Davidson, Kevin Davidson. Three great grand children, Paris Guerrera, Luke and Ryan Davidson. Memorial Service will be on Tuesday @ newkirk&whitney Funeral Home, from 10:30AM to 12:30PM

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**OBITUARIES****Chase, Lucille P.**

Lucille P. Chase, 100, passed away peacefully on August 14, 2022, at her home of over five years at The Residence at Brookside in Avon, CT. She was born in July 1922, in Westerly, Rhode Island to Adrian R. and Helen M. (Ham) Pierce. At age six she moved with her parents and younger brother, Tom, to Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. Starting about 8th grade, she would often be a help to her grandmother after her grandfather passed away, by walking to her home and staying with her overnight. Lucille graduated from Foxcroft Academy in 1941.

Shortly after graduation, when her father opened a second Gas & Electric store in Keene, New Hampshire, Lucille moved to a room in town and did office work at an insurance company there. She stayed there for 2-3 more years after Helen and Adrian moved back to Dover-Foxcroft, then also returned to Dover-Foxcroft herself in 1945, while the war was still on, to work in the town office. It was there she met Cecil Chase in June 1947, and they were married three months later. Cecil and Lucille would live briefly in Maine, then in western Massachusetts for several years, where their daughter was born. In early 1956 they took off for California. They only stayed for about 2-3 weeks, when after much pleading from Lucille's mother to come back to New England, they thankfully returned, and settled in Connecticut. Both Lucille and Cecil very much enjoyed travel and were able to take vacations with their trailer over the years to many places in the US and Canada with daughter Kathy, then by themselves when, especially for a couple years after Cecil retired, they were able to travel for 2-3 months at a time. Many national parks were highlights of these trips.

Lucille and Cecil were long-time members of Second Baptist Church in Suffield, CT. They had been married for over 62 years when Cecil passed away at age 90. Lucille was a fan of the Red Sox and even attended several games at Fenway Park with her father when growing up, and one with her husband. She was also a fan of the UConn Women's Basketball teams and was able to enjoy some get-togethers with special neighbors over the years to watch some games and to enjoy other times as well. Recently Lucille got to celebrate her 100th birthday! The Brookside staff and residents gave her a lovely party for her birthday, with daughter, Kathy, there as well.

In the following two weeks, Lucille also got to enjoy two other visits and celebrations with more family members. Lucille was a wonderful, kind, and sweet person, well loved by all those who knew her. She always had a ready smile. Daughter, Kathy was much blessed to have had such a wonderful Mom, who is, and will be greatly missed.

Lucille is survived by her daughter, Kathy Todd and her husband, Jim of Collinsville, CT, brother-in-law, Terry Chase and his wife, Mary Lou, and many nieces and nephews and their families. She was predeceased by her husband Cecil; also, by her brother, Dr. Thomas Pierce (Alice); brothers-in-law, Henry Chase Jr. (Hilda), Robert Chase, Harold Chase; and sisters-in-law, Joyce Leavitt (William), Elizabeth Stevens (Lester), Pauline Norwood (Maurice), and Florence Libby. The family would like to thank the caregivers and other staff at The Residence at Brookside for their kindness and care of Lucille during her time at The Residence at Brookside. Lucille also met many nice residents over her years there. Family and friends are invited to call from noon until time of the funeral service at 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft, with Pastor Chris Viera officiating.

Burial will be in the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery, Milo.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make memorial contributions to Second Baptist Church, 100 North Main St., Suffield, CT 06078, or to Foxcroft Academy, 975 West Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426, Attn:

Cathy Hall. Messages of condolence and memories may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](#).

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Charles (Chazz) Raymond Mertens, 48, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 4, 2022, with his loving parents on either side of him during his entire last journey of life and his wife, Sandra, in his heart. He was born in Manchester, CT, the son of Dwight and Claudette (Martel) Mertens. Charles was a loving son and husband, and even a great friend and mentor to many others. He is pre-deceased by his grandparents, Charles and Gladys (Tedford) Mertens, Raymond and Theresa (Lapre) Martel, his mother-in-law, Alicia Orozco Quintanilla, and other family members. When he was able to visit with his friends there would normally be food involved as well as a game of friendly poker or Monopoly. He was a proud member of Friendship Tuscan Lodge #145, A.F.&A.M. of Manchester, CT, although his career did not allow him to participate or attend as often as he would have liked. Charles is survived by the love of his life, Sandra Corado Orozco de Mertens, of Guatemala, who made him happy with his smile even larger and more infectious, his parents and many others. Charles's parents wish to extend their sincere thanks to the ECHN staff of Manchester Memorial Hospital. Words cannot express their appreciation for the professionalism, caring and assistance in their unique situation as patients at the same time as Charles's care. They were the ones who cared and guided us as well as saw that our needs were accomplished in their "home". A Celebration of Life will be held in the near future at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Friendship Tuscan Lodge #145, A.F.&A.M. (24 Golway St., Manchester, CT 06042) or to a charity of your choosing.

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McKinstry, Catherine C. (Rena Lennon), predeceased by husband John (Jack) V. McKinstry April 27, 1995, died Wednesday August 17. Born in Glasgow, Scotland May 20, 1926. Rena was a resident of Enfield, Ct. since 1955, and was employed by the Hartford Insurance Group, retiring May 30, 1986. She was a communicant of Holy

Family Church and a life member of the Irish American Home Society of Glastonbury, CT. Rena is survived by six children and their spouses; John and Kathleen of Ellington, Raymond and Anne Marie of Myrtle Beach, SC, Terence and Gail of Enfield, Patricia Kennan of Enfield, Alan and Anne Marie of Pine Hurst, NC, and Daniel and Monique of Germantown, TN. Rena was predeceased by son-in-law Richard Kennan February 2022. Rena is also survived by fourteen grandchildren and their spouses; Maureen and Roger, Kerry and Alan, Raymond and Janice, Amy and Richard, Corinne, Joanne and Ian, Patrick, Kelly, Audrey and Jean Paul, Jason and Amanda, Brendan, Camden and Brooke, and Ryan and Sean, along with 18 great grandchildren. Rena is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Her family will receive relatives and friends from 4 to 7 pm on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels 61 South Road, Enfield, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 am on Friday, August 26, 2022 at Holy Family Church 22 Simon Rd Enfield, CT. Please meet directly at the church. Burial will follow in St Mary's Cemetery Windsor Locks, CT. Memorial donations may be made to the Irish American Home Society Scholarship Fund, 132 Commerce St., PO Box 620, Glastonbury, CT 06033 or Enfield Fire District 1 Volunteer Fire Associates 200 Phoenix Ave. Enfield, CT 06082. For online condolences, please visit [www.leetestevens.com](#).

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Dorothy Grace Krause, 105, died on August 9, 2022 after a long and special life, bringing joy to all she knew. She was born April 13, 1917 in Hartford, CT to George and Ruth Shedd and was proud of their hard-working lives and the roles her ancestors played in our country's early history.

Dorothy spent her earliest years in Lebanon and Willimantic followed by a lifetime in Manchester and Bolton. At age 99 she moved to Arbors of Hop Brook and lived in comfort under the care of her devoted aide, Millie. Dorothy taught elementary school in Ellington and Manchester for twenty years, owned Ward Music Company with her husband Ward, and raised five children. She was a member of South United Methodist Church, Bolton Seniors, the Bolton and Manchester Historical Societies, Descendants of the Mayflower of CT, and the DAR's Orford Parish Chapter.

Dorothy's greatest joy was her family and traveling with Ward, especially in the US with their trailer and canoe. She passed on to her family her love of nature and belief in the importance of self-reliance and good cheer.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband, Ward; brother, Earl; sister, Ruth; and son, Bryan and his family. She is survived by her children Barry Krause of Lottsburg, VA, Richard Krause of Edgecomb, ME, Janice Bonaccorso of Barkhamsted, CT, and William Krause of Honeoye Falls, NY, their spouses, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Her many loving and loved family and friends gave her great joy and comfort.

A memorial service will be held at South United Methodist Church in Manchester on Friday Oct. 7 at 10:30. All are welcome; for everyone's safety, masks are advised. Burial will be private.

In lieu of sending flowers, consider a donation to the Bolton Senior Center; the friendship and support of the kind people there helped Dorothy prosper during the many years she lived after Ward's death. Their address is 104 Notch Rd., Bolton, CT 06043.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Suspect arrested in mall shooting

MANCHESTER — A suspect has been arrested in Friday's shooting of a Buckland Hills Mall security guard. Richard LaPlante, 30, of Windsor, turned himself in Saturday night, according to Manchester police.

LaPlante was arrested and charged with attempted murder, assault in the first degree, robbery in the first degree and carrying a pistol without a permit. He is being held on a \$1 million bond and is scheduled to appear in court Monday.

Police allege that LaPlante shot a 27-year-old loss prevention officer outside of the Macy's men's store shortly after noon Friday.

Police said they believe the security guard was shot after attempting to stop a theft. The victim remains hospitalized with injuries to the abdomen.

Police ask that anyone with information on the shooting contact the lead investigator, Detective Claire Hearn, at 860-645-5549 or the Manchester Police Department at 860-645-5500.

— Alison Cross

Manchester man fatally shot outside nightclub

HARTFORD — A Manchester man was shot and killed outside a Hartford club Saturday night. Dominic Battle, 24, was pronounced dead at the scene outside the Lambada nightclub.

According to Hartford police, officers received a ShotSpotter alert for the area of 768 Maple Avenue and arrived at the nightclub a little before midnight. Police said they found Battle unresponsive and performed life-saving measures until EMS arrived. Battle was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Hartford Police Department is asking anyone with information on the shooting to call the HPD Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

— Alison Cross

Fatal motorcycle crash in Bristol

BRISTOL — A man died Saturday after crashing his motorcycle on Redstone Hill Road. The Bristol Police Department said officers responding to a report of the crash found the 57-year-old man lying on the road.

Police said that an initial investigation by the Bristol Police Department's Seri-

ous Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team determined that the man failed to negotiate a curve and crashed while traveling eastbound on Redstone Hill Road.

The department said that anyone who witnessed the crash should contact Bristol police at 860-584-3038.

— Alison Cross

Two dead in Stonington boating accident

STONINGTON — Two men were pronounced dead Saturday following a boating accident Friday night, officials said. The men were identified as 54-year-old David Motherway of Stonington and 52-year-old Brian Collie of Littleton, Colo. Motherway was determined to be the owner of the boat.

Investigators found that the boat the men were on hit a break wall in Stonington sometime Friday night, according to state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Officials from the Environmental Conservation department, the Stonington police and fire departments and the United States Coast Guard responded Saturday to reports of a boating accident off the coast of Stonington and found the boat's center console adrift, according to DEEP.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

and the State's Attorney were notified about the deaths, officials said, and the Environmental Conservation Boat Accident Reconstruction team was on the scene investigating.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Connecticut Environmental Police at 860-424-3333.

— Taylor Hartz

Woman shot in Hartford Saturday

HARTFORD — A woman showed up to a hospital in Hartford early Saturday with a gunshot wound while police were responding to reports of a shooting in the city, police said.

The woman, who is in her 20s, arrived at a hospital in Hartford about 2 a.m. Saturday while officers were responding to the area of 673 Maple Ave. for a reported shooting, according to the Hartford Police Department. The woman was listed in stable condition as of about 4:30 a.m. Saturday, according to police.

The Hartford Police Major Crimes and Crime Scene divisions are investigating. Anyone with any information about the shooting is asked to contact the Hartford police tip line at 860-722-8477.

— Taylor Hartz

Robinson

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the hospital, a healthy way to destress.

What started as a hobby became a lifestyle as Robinson ran a couple of virtual races during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Once many of the restrictions from COVID-19 started to lift, she started participating in-person races, such as the Achilles Four Mile and Bronx 10 Mile, which helped her to get "the race bug."

Now, Robinson has her eyes set on the next race: the New York City Marathon in November. She is a member of the NYC Marathon 2022 Team for the American Lung Association and is fundraising for the race.

According to her fundraising page, she is running on the association's team to help support its COVID-19 Action Initiative to end the pandemic and fight "against future respiratory virus pandemics."

"I work with some amazing pulmonologists. One of the pulmonologists that I work with is on the board of the American Lung Association. What better way ... to give back? Since I am a front-line worker, it was a good foundation and a good charity to run for — a really good cause," she said.

Dr. David Hill, a member of the Leadership Board of the American Lung Association in Connecticut, was the practicing pulmonary and critical care physician who helped Robinson become connected to the association's team for the New York Marathon.

He acknowledges the difficulties that hospital front-line workers faced during the height of the pandemic.

"Our patient care associates such as Rocky had difficult front-line jobs, performing CPR in isolation rooms with much of the team communicating to them via walkie-talkie and transporting those

How to help

To donate to Robinson for the NYC Marathon, go to her official fundraising page at poweredbylungs.fundraise.org/fundraiser/raquel-robinson.

patients who did not survive to the morgue. We all found ways to cope with the stress at work, and we shared what we were doing to maintain our resiliency during our rare breaks."

However, Hill is happy that Robinson was able to cope through those difficult times with running and to be a part of her journey.

"For Rocky, running became her outlet, and our entire team has followed along as she has increased her training, running longer distances and finally setting the goal of running the New York Marathon. I was fortunate to be able to help connect Rocky to the American Lung Association so that she could get a bib for the marathon and support the Lung Associations' COVID-19 Action Initiative at the same time. It is such a wonderful and fitting way for her to channel all that effort into achieving even more good, and I am honored to be a part of her journey."

In preparation for the marathon, Robinson is working with a trainer, runs five days a week and will be running in other upcoming races, such as the Bronx 10 mile and the Hartford Half-Marathon.

"I run five days a week. I cross train once a week. I have a coach. I'm really dedicated to this. [It's] become a lifestyle. New habits create a new life. I've created a new life, and running, it shows you discipline and it also shows that I'm capable of great things," she said. "Recently, I ran 16 miles. ... I am testing my endurance. I'm so proud of myself, because when I think I can't do it, I can do it."



Raquel Robinson posing for a commemorative photo after a race. COURTESY RAQUEL ROBINSON

Tax cuts

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The first — which saved shoppers an estimated \$3 million — came in April, around the same time Democrats also suspended the state's 25 cents-per-gallon retail gasoline tax from April through June.

They followed that up in May with a \$660 million relief package that ordered the second sales tax-free week in August, extended the gasoline levy holiday through Nov. 30 and established a mix of one-time and ongoing tax cuts.

Besides the child tax rebate, there was a temporary boost in aid for working poor families, an expansion of the state income tax credit that offsets local property tax bills, and the statewide freeze on car tax rates dropped from 45 to 32.46 mills (one mill raises \$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed property value).

Democrats noted correctly this was one of the largest tax cuts in state history and was complemented by other programs to help Connecticut recover from the coronavirus.

GOP: Dems shared a tiny portion of state's windfall

Republicans, who had pitched a \$1.2 billion tax relief plan, argued the Democratic program fell short on several grounds.

Roughly half of the tax relief was one-time, though the GOP also included some temporary measures.

But the main Republican objection was one of context. The national inflation rate had topped 8% by May and would surpass 9% earlier this summer. And even though gas prices here have fallen since a June 14 peak of \$4.98 per gallon, the \$4.09 price the AAA reported Wednesday topped the national average by 15 cents per gallon.

And while economic forces were crushing consumers, Republicans countered, the tax relief Democrats offered represented

a tiny fraction of the staggering, unprecedented \$4.3 billion surplus state government enjoyed in the fiscal year that ended June 30.

"If it's 'Christmas in August,' they're giving the people a lump of coal," said Senate Minority Leader Kevin Kelly, R-Stratford. The Republican plan, centered on the first income tax rate cut since 1995 and a temporary rollback of sales tax rates, was designed to bring broad-based relief that was easy to access, Kelly said.

Programs struggle to get funds out the door

Easy access has hardly been the hallmark of all Democratic programs this summer, Republicans argued.

The Essential Workers COVID-19 Assistance Program was launched in January with \$34 million to help frontline workers who lost wages or incurred medical costs because of the coronavirus. But the program stalled because of a complicated application process that requires workers to assemble medical and employment data from two years ago.

Through Monday, the program — which was supposed to close on June 30 but was extended through Dec. 31 — had distributed less than 2% of its funding, only about \$560,000, according to Comptroller Natalie Braswell's office, which the legislature tasked with running the program it had designed.

Democrats trumpeted a second COVID-19 relief effort, the Premium Pay Program, when it launched two weeks ago. This was supposed to give \$1,000 bonuses to private-sector front-line workers. Illness or lost wages didn't matter. It was simply a way to say thank you.

But the governor and legislature only budgeted \$30 million, meaning the program could not — by simple math — provide more than 30,000 bonuses of \$1,000 each.

Through Tuesday morning, the comptroller's office had received more than 121,000

requests for applications — four times the maximum number of \$1,000 bonuses that could be awarded. And the application period doesn't close until Oct. 1.

In the event the number of approved applications exceeds demand, Lamont and legislators stipulated that grants will be reduced proportionately. To make the dollars stretch further, gasoline station workers and staff at soup kitchens and food pantries and others were not deemed essential workers.

Labor advocates warned earlier this summer that this would happen, predicting workers would get much less than the \$1,000 bonus that was dangled. As evidence, they noted that Massachusetts had budgeted \$500 million for a Premium Pay program aimed at private- and public-sector workers.

The child tax rebate fared better, but the program still required families to apply for relief. Some tax reform advocates said a better alternative would have been to use older tax data to identify most eligible households — and then send the aid directly without an application process.

"These programs and the poor administration of them are in keeping with the governor's philosophy of 'let them eat cake,'" said House Minority Leader Vincent J. Candelora, R-North Branford. "He doesn't really care about the impact of these programs on people's lives. He only cares about the headlines."

"Gov. Lamont primarily is concerned about making a bunch of promises to get reelected, and he could care less about the execution of these programs and getting money to people who need it desperately," added Madison businessman Bob Stefanowski, the GOP gubernatorial nominee.

Stefanowski is a former chief executive officer at a payday loan company whose high-interest loans are illegal in Connecticut, and Omoyeni added that "While Gov. Lamont continues to deliver for families across the state, Stefanowski dreams of bankrupting them."

Chris Collibee, spokesman for Lamont's budget office, also noted that the governor and legislature dedicated almost all of this year's surplus, about \$4.1 billion out of \$4.3 billion, to paying down the massive pension debt Connecticut accumulated, mostly between 1939 and 2010.

That deposit, coupled with another \$1.7 billion in surplus funds Lamont and lawmakers used to cover pension debt between 2020 and 2021, are estimated to save taxpayers \$12 billion over the next 25 years.

"Make no mistake," Collibee added, "we are making a real difference in improving the lives of Connecticut families."

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YANKEES 4, BLUE JAYS 2

Sagging Yanks win for 10th time in 30 games

By Larry Fleisher

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andrew Benintendi hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh inning as the New York Yankees got a win they desperately needed, beating the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2 Sunday to avoid a four-game sweep.

On the day Yankees general manager Brian Cashman was booed while the team retired the No. 21 of former star Paul O'Neill, the AL East leaders won for just the 10th time in 30 games since the All-Star break. They top the division by eight games over Toronto.

"No secret what we're going through," manager Aaron Boone said. "That was a big blow in an important game."

After New York's frustrations reached the point of ace Gerrit Cole punching the dugout roof twice and Boone pounding a hand on the podium during a postgame news conference Saturday, the Yankees' only qualms were with Toronto starter Alek Manoah.

In the fifth, Manoah plunked major league home run leader Aaron Judge in the left elbow with a sinker.

Judge glanced at Manoah as Cole started yelling and a few other Yankees came over



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the dugout railing.

"When your dude gets hit, usually it gets your attention," said a much calmer Boone. "So I don't think it was intentional, but it kept everyone's focus and we moved on from it."

Judge, who is 1 for 16 with six strikeouts against Manoah, also did not believe it was intentional.

"It was the heat of the moment," Judge said. "Nobody likes to get hit."

Cole was intercepted by bench coach Carlos Mendoza before reaching the umpires.

During the commotion, Judge and Manoah, who were teammates in the All-Star Game last month, appeared to diplomatically discuss the pitch.

"It was just one too many (dustings) for my taste," Cole said.

Manoah said the plunking was unintentional and more a result of his struggles to command his sinker in recent starts.

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WNBA PLAYOFFS - FIRST ROUND, GAME 2 DALLAS 89, CONNECTICUT 79



The Sun's Jonquel Jones, from left, Brionna Jones, Odyssey Sims, and Natisha Hiedeman head out to the court for the fourth quarter trailing 76-47 in Game 2 of their WNBA first-round series against the Wings on Sunday at Mohegan Sun Arena. Game 3 will be on Wednesday.
JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

SHELL SHOCKED

Wings dominate Sun, set up deciding Game 3 in Dallas

By Lila Bromberg

Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — The Connecticut Sun entered Sunday's game against the Dallas Wings with their sights set on a fourth consecutive trip to the WNBA semifinals.

But instead of ending the afternoon in celebration, players walked off the court looking frustrated and dejected. The third-seeded Sun were dominated by the sixth-seeded Wings 89-79 in Game 2 of a first-round WNBA playoff series at Mohegan Sun Arena.

It was a complete reversal of their 25-point blowout win in Game 1 a few days prior. The Wings led by as many as 31 points in the fourth quarter Sunday.

"It's the playoffs. One minute you're up, the next minute you're down, but you have to weather that storm and be ready to play," Jonquel Jones said. "We know what we're capable of. We're not in panic mode at all. But that's the beauty of winning Game 1. We have another opportunity to go out there and close it out. And we didn't handle business tonight, but we have another game, so we're ready to go."

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The Sun's Alyssa Thomas looks to shoot against the Wings' Kayla Thornton, left, and Teaira McCowan.



First-round series

SUN 1, WINGS 1

Thursday: Connecticut 93, Dallas 68

Sunday: Dallas 89, Connecticut 79

Wednesday: Connecticut at Dallas, 1 p.m.

(ESPN, NBA TV Canada)

RED SOX ANALYSIS

As season winds down, Sox are left with a long to-do list

By Peter Abraham
Boston Globe

BALTIMORE — The season is 75 percent over and what have the Red Sox accomplished?

Not much. They remain in last place in the American League East and out of realistic contention for a postseason spot.

The only fun left for Red Sox fans this season will be watching old friends Mookie Betts and Christian Vázquez in the postseason.

A better question at this point is what have the 60-61 Sox learned to this point? There are plenty of entries in that column.

Rafael Devers has shown he can play third base. His hard work has paid off, and the Red Sox now have a better understanding of where he fits on the roster moving forward.

That the Sox haven't taken this information and signed Devers to a long-term contract is borderline irresponsible. The Atlanta Braves have been aggressive in locking up their young stars, and the Sox should be following that path.

Devers cannot become a free agent until after the 2023 season, but every day that passes without him signed long term is another day wasted.

The Red Sox have found a reliable reliever in John Schreiber. The right-



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Blue Jays at Red Sox

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TV: NESN

hander, claimed off waivers before last season, is already a good option in the eighth inning and could be a closer down the road.

His willingness to attack hitters and the emotion he shows on the mound speak to Schreiber's competitive nature. The Sox could use a lot more of that.

But for now, limit his use. Schreiber has pitched 49 innings this season, 33 1/2 more than his previous high in the majors. The Sox have turned Schreiber into a valuable asset and should be careful with him.

Matt Barnes has emerged from the woods of his career crisis and pitched four shutout innings in his last four outings with seven strikeouts. Since he's signed for next season at \$8.3 million, give him some high-leverage chances down the stretch to boost his confidence.

We've seen that Michael Wacha is a good fit with the Sox, posting a 2.28 ERA in 15 starts. He worked into the sixth inning Saturday and didn't allow a run a day after the Sox used five relievers.

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Up next

Patriots

at Raiders

8:15 p.m. Friday

PATRIOTS

Questions surround offense

But defense looks as stingy as ever

By Tara Sullivan
Boston Globe

Enough about the offense.

What about the Patriots' defense?

Of course the offense matters, and the constant questions during the Patriots' ongoing preseason prove it, centering around what Mac Jones can do in his sophomore season. From who is calling his plays to who will emerge as his third-down safety net, the offense has plenty to figure out before the regular season opens Sept. 11 in Miami.

But so far, it seems Jones's counterparts on defense are already finding their identity. If you are looking for the glass half-full contrast to the swirling offensive question marks, the defense is ready to give it; a dominant performance in Friday night's 20-10 win over Carolina and the combined effort in two preseason games offering plenty of positive glimpses.

With every caveat about putting too much stock in preseason games, especially those against, say, a Carolina team that paused its quarterback competition between Baker Mayfield and Sam Darnold to start PJ Walker, there have been plenty of flashes from a defensive roster more suited than ever to deal with the likes of a moving target such as Buffalo QB Josh Allen. It was Allen who shredded the Patriots in last year's playoffs, scoring on all seven possessions that didn't end with a kneel down, putting up Pop Warner numbers (21 of 25 passing for 308 yards), barely getting his uniform dirty.

That photo of the final 47-17 score that Jones admitted Friday night does indeed hang in his locker as a little motivation reminder? It doesn't need to be posted in front of any of the returning defensive players. It's burned in their memories forever, the worst playoff defeat in coach Bill Belichick's career.

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Patriots cornerback Jalen Mills has been a veteran voice for a young defensive backfield. MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Dom Amore

Sun challenged with adversity sooner than later

UNCASVILLE — Instead of a celebration, there was a packing party. It looked like the Connecticut Sun were on a roll, but they left Mohegan Sun with their roller bags.

"It's the playoffs," Jonquel Jones said, after the Sun dropped Game 2 of their series to Dallas 89-79 on Sunday. "One minute you're up, next minute you're down. But you have to weather that storm and be ready to play. We know what we're capable of. We're not in panic mode at all."

That's good news, because this was the kind of loss that can derail postseason aspirations, the kind that demands a strong response.

"Somebody throws a punch, we've got to throw it right back," Brionna Jones said.

The WNBA playoffs, at least this half of the bracket, have proved to be more competitive than might have been anticipated.

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SPORTS

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Patriots: Preseason: at Raiders, Friday, 8:15 p.m.
Giants: Preseason: at Jets, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Jets: Preseason: Falcons, Monday, 8 p.m.
Red Sox: Blue Jays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Mets, Monday, 7 p.m.; Mets, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Oakland, Thursday, 9:30 p.m.
Mets: at Yankees, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Yankees, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Rockies, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Portland, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; at Portland, Wednesday, 6 p.m.; at Portland, Thursday, 6 p.m.
Sun: WNBA First Round at Dallas (Game 3), Wednesday, 9 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Tulsa, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; at New York, August 31, 7 p.m.; at Los Angeles, Sept. 5, 10:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL

1 p.m.: Little League World Series. (Live) ESPN
3 p.m.: Little League World Series. (Live) ESPN
5 p.m.: Little League World Series. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: New York Mets at New York Yankees. (Live), WPIX, YES. Radio: 880, 97.9.
7 p.m.: Little League World Series. (Live) ESPN2

FOOTBALL
8 p.m.: New York Jets at Atlanta Falcons. (Live), ESPN.

REGIONAL DIGEST

Yard Goats waste strong start from Gotsis, fall to Fisher Cats

Staff reports

Orelvis Martinez set a New Hampshire single-season record with his 28th homer as the Fisher Cats beat the Yard Goats 6-1 on Sunday afternoon at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford.

Noah Gotsis took a no-hitter into the sixth inning for Hartford in front of the 34th sellout crowd this season. Rockies prospects Zac Veen and Brenton Doyle each had two hits for the Yard Goats, who split the six-game series with New Hampshire and will battle for first place on the road in Portland this week.

Gotsis held the Fisher Cats without a hit through the first 5 1/3 innings. The right-hander retired eight consecutive batters before allowing a single to Davis Schneider with one out in the top of the sixth.

New Hampshire cracked the run column in the same frame on an RBI double by Luis De Los Santos, putting the Blue Jays affiliate in front 1-0. Martinez launched a two-run shot extending the Fisher Cats' lead 3-0.

The Fisher Cats added three more runs in the seventh to take a 6-0 lead.

Noah Gaddis tossed a scoreless eighth for the Yard Goats, preventing further damage.

Garrett Schilling kept New Hampshire scoreless in the ninth, striking out two. Zac Veen's RBI single in the bottom of the frame put Hartford on the board, cutting the deficit to 6-1.

The Yard Goats travel to Maine to play a six-game series against the Red Sox's affiliate, the Portland Sea Dogs, beginning Tuesday at 6 p.m. RHP Noah Davis will start for the Yard Goats.

The Yard Goats will return to Dunkin' Donuts Park on Aug. 30 to open a six-game series against the Phillies' affiliate, the Reading Fightin' Phils.

Hartford Athletic shut out at home: Striker Kyle Murphy scored in the 45th minute and attacking midfielder Florian Valot in the 62nd minute Saturday night as Miami FC beat Hartford Athletic 2-0 in a USL game at Trinity Health Stadium in Hartford. Hartford goalkeeper Yannik Oettl made two saves.

Miami's Connor Sparrow stopped five shots for the shutout.

The Athletic go on the road to face FC Tulsa next Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. Their next home game Sept. 10 against Tulsa.



METS 10, PHILLIES 9



The Mets' Mark Canha celebrates as he crosses the plate past Phillies catcher J.T. Realmuto after hitting a two-run home run in the ninth inning Sunday in Philadelphia. MATT SLOCUM/AP

Mets rally past Phillies

Fisher excels in debut, Canha hits 2 homers

By Aaron Bracy
 Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Mets reliever Nate Fisher pitched three scoreless innings in his major league debut after working at a Nebraska bank a year ago, Mark Canha hit two homers and drove in five runs and New York rallied past the Philadelphia Phillies 10-9 on Sunday.

Canha's second homer was a go-ahead, two-run drive in the ninth inning. Brandon Nimmo hit a solo homer two batters later for the NL East leaders.

The Mets took three of four in the series to finish the regular season with a 14-5 mark against the Phillies. New York increased its lead over second-place Atlanta to four games.

Fisher allowed one hit while striking out one and walking two. The 26-year-old lefty was working at the First National Bank of Omaha in his hometown last year before resuming his professional baseball career.

Alec Bohm hit a pair of three-run homers and Jean Segura also went deep for the Phillies, who

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 7:05 p.m. today

TV: YES, WPIX, MLBN

have lost four of five. Philadelphia entered second in the NL wild-card race.

The Mets trailed 8-7 before Jeff McNeil led off the ninth with a double against David Robertson (3-1) and Canha hit his 10th home run. Canha had tied the score at 7-all in the seventh with a three-run shot off Connor Brogdon.

Nimmo gave the Mets a 10-8 lead with a drive off Tyler Cyr.

Edwin Diaz ended his scorelessinning streak but pitched out of trouble in the ninth for his 28th save in 31 chances. Diaz, who hadn't surrendered a run since June 22 over 21 innings, allowed Nick Maton's sacrifice fly that pulled Philadelphia within a run.

Diaz struck out Darick Hall looking with runners on first and second to end it.

The game was delayed 46 minutes by rain, which halted play in the bottom of the sixth.

Segura, pinch hitting for Matt Vierling, led off the eighth by homering off Trevor May (2-0)

to put Philadelphia ahead 8-7.

Mets starter José Buttó allowed seven runs and nine hits in four innings in his major league debut. Buttó took the place of Taijuan Walker, who left his Aug. 16 start with back spasms but is not expected to need a stint on the injured list.

Philadelphia's first five batters against Buttó reached base, with the first of Bohm's three-run homers doing the biggest damage in the Phillies' four-run first inning.

Bohm set a career high with six RBIs in his second multi-homer game.

After going undrafted out of the University of Nebraska, Fisher pitched in 12 games at Single A for the Mariners organization in 2019. Fisher was released and worked for a year as a commercial credit analyst at the First National Bank of Omaha, where he had interned in college. He rejoined the Mariners organization in 2021 and pitched in 21 games in the minors, making it all the way to Triple A. This season with the Mets organization, he was 0-1 with a 3.77 ERA in 12 games at Double-A Birmingham and 1-2 with a 3.12 ERA in 12 games at Triple-A Syracuse before his call-up.

Patriots

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But now the slate is clean, and the defense is focused on getting the Pats back to the playoffs. Friday night, with suffocating pressure and flying bodies, they forced four turnovers, held Carolina to 57 yards rushing (Panthers star Christian McCaffrey did not play) and 192 total yards, and the only Carolina touchdown came on a pick six.

It's a start.

"As far as potential, I don't want to put a cap on this, don't want to put a limit on this," cornerback Jalen Mills said in the locker room after the game. "I could always say our potential is through the roof, but the biggest thing right now in camp is that the focus should be growing every day. That's the main focus."

The Patriots need some quick growth in Mills's area, with cornerbacks Malcolm Butler and Joejuan Williams both going on injured reserve last week. So seeing Shaun Wade make a great break on a ball intended for Panthers receiver Derek Wright and pick it off in the third quarter Friday, or seeing rookie Jack Jones lock Wright down later in the game and nearly grab an interception of his own; those are encouraging signs.

Earlier in the week, safety and captain Devin McCourty had talked about Jack Jones and fellow rookie corner Marcus Jones, insisting, "we have a really good rookie group," crediting both their skills and their willingness to learn.

They are not alone in benefiting from veteran leadership like McCourty's, as Wade pointed to the two lockers around him — Mills and Adrian Phillips — after the game Friday.

"The veterans are great," the 23-year-old Wade said. "You've got two of them that I'm sitting between every day, and they are very helpful in me learning football, asking what's going



Patriots cornerback Shaun Wade breaks up a pass intended for Giants wide receiver Keelan Doss in an exhibition game Aug. 11 in Foxborough, Mass. GREG M. COOPER/AP

on in their minds, learning what they see on the field so I can go on the field and do the same thing, and also what they taught me in the classroom."

The veterans did their part Friday, too.

When the Panthers started to make inroads on their second series, getting to the Pats' 35-yard line, Deatrich Wise and Josh Uche answered with back-to-back sacks that forced a punt. Ja'Whaun Bentley made his presence known with a tackle in the backfield, and Matthew Judon was instrumental in both of the sacks. Judon was active all night, including a pass batted down at the line of scrimmage.

"That's how we want to play, he said. "We want to play with a downhill mentality. We want to be aggressive. We want to knock it back. So with speed and smarts you've got to do everything within a defense, but when we're moving fast and we're executing that's going to happen a lot."

There was second-year safety Josh Bledsoe, who forced a fumble in the second quarter, receiving his rightful credit after Belichick flashed midseason challenge form and correctly got the call of an incomplete pass reversed. Wade had his intercep-

tion in the third quarter, and in the final minutes, when so many players can make an impression on film, rookie DaMarcus Mitchell had a strip sack in the end zone that was fumbled and recovered by fellow rookie Sam Roberts for a touchdown. Finally, undrafted rookie Brenden Schooler added an interception with 26 seconds to go.

As Bentley put it, "that's always our goal, to go out there and fly around for sure."

What's shaping up is a typical Belichickian defense that demands an opposing offense be prepared for anything, a challenge in game planning because of so many moving parts. I asked Bentley if he'd want to play against this Pats defense, and with a laugh and a "Nah," he touted that versatility.

"I wouldn't want to sell ourselves short on anything," he said. "As far as preparation against us, we would hope as a defense that an offense is considering everything that you do, which I would say for us is a plethora of things, whether it's running, tackling, good run defense, good pass defense. Obviously you want to be perfect in everything, but that's not always the case. You want to pride yourself on doing a lot of good things and some great things."

Red Sox

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Wacha works hard, is accountable to his teammates and has earned the trust of the coaching staff.

Given his injury history, bringing back Nathan Eovaldi on anything other than a short-term deal carries considerable risk. That makes it a priority to retain Wacha.

Garrett Whitlock, who got the save Saturday, needs his role defined.

He was a successful starter in the minors for the Yankees, then pitched in relief in 2021 after returning from Tommy John surgery.

Whitlock started this season in the bullpen, then made nine starts before going back to the bullpen. This issue should be settled before spring training.

The Red Sox have learned they need outfielders. Alex Verdugo is fine in left field. He's a good hitter and average fielder who doesn't hit a lot of home runs or steal many bases. It's a massive failure he was the best player they got back for Betts, but that's over with.

Other than Verdugo, who do they have in the outfield? Jarren Duran hasn't shown he's an everyday player at this point, and he turns 26 next month. None of the prospects is close, either.

Kiké Hernández, who will be a free agent, is a good bounce-back candidate for next season. Beyond that, outfield is a gaping hole on the roster unless the Sox bring back Tommy Pham for what would be his age-35 season.

Free agency is not the solution. Other than Aaron Judge, who the Yankees will never let sign with the Red Sox, the options are poor. Chaim Bloom will need to be creative.

It's glaringly obvious the Sox need more muscle in the lineup. That a team playing home games at Fenway Park is 19th in the majors in home runs is astonishing.

It doesn't matter at what position or whether it comes via trade or free agency, the Sox need some mashers. J.D. Martinez had a great run in Boston, but he's not part of the future.

The Sox also need to identify a front-line catcher. Career backup Reese McGuire has impressed Alex Cora with his defensive skills since being acquired from the White Sox and is getting ample playing time. The Sox have had Ronaldo Hernandez and Connor Wong split time in Triple A.

It's a long list of issues. That's why they're in last place.

Yankees

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"I made a pitch, obviously it hit Judge," Manoah said. "Obviously I looked at him and I said, 'Man, I'm not trying to do that.' I think he understood that. I think if Gerrit wants to do something, he can walk past the Audi sign (in front of the Yankees dugout) next time."

The Yankees came back quickly after Wandy Peralta walked ninth-place hitter Jackie Bradley Jr. to force in the tying run in the top of the seventh.

Jose Trevino beat third baseman Matt Chapman's off-balance throw for an infield hit and was sacrificed to second. Benintendi hit a long foul ball, then sent a slider from Adam Cimber (9-5) into the second deck in right field.

Benintendi, who also doubled, hit his fourth homer of the season. It was his first home run since June 20, more than a month before Kansas City traded him to New York.

"That was big time," Judge said.

Benintendi's drive also occurred a day after he struggled to field Alejandro Kirk's two-run double to left field in Toronto's four-run fifth on Saturday.

"The start here hasn't been great, personally, a lot worse than obviously I wanted to be," said Benintendi, who is batting .211 with New York after hitting .320 with Kansas City.

Anthony Rizzo scored on a throwing error by Toronto left fielder Lourdes Gurriel Jr. in the first, and DJ LeMahieu hit a go-ahead RBI single in the fourth.

Whit Merrifield hit a bizarre home run in the Toronto fourth on a ball that twice bounced on the fence before going over. The Blue Jays had won four in a row.

Lou Trivino (2-7) got the final seven outs. New York starter Nestor Cortes allowed one run and three hits in six innings. He struck out five.

Stanton begins rehab assignment: Yankees OF/DH Giancarlo Stanton (left Achilles tendinitis) went 0 for 3 as the DH in his first rehab game for Double-A Somerset on Saturday night and was expected to get three to five at-bats Sunday. Stanton will work out Monday afternoon in New York and face RHP Luis Severino (right lat strain) in live batting practice Tuesday but is unlikely to play in the Subway Series.

BASEBALL**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	74	48	.607	—	—	3-7	W-1	43-20	31-28
Tampa Bay	65	55	.542	8	—	7-3	W-2	38-23	27-32
Toronto	65	55	.542	8	—	5-5	L-1	36-25	29-30
Baltimore	62	58	.517	11	3	4-6	L-1	34-23	28-35
Boston	60	61	.496	13 1/2	5 1/2	6-4	W-1	29-30	31-31

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	64	56	.533	—	—	6-4	L-1	32-25	32-31
Minnesota	62	57	.521	1 1/2	2 1/2	5-5	L-2	35-27	27-30
Chicago	62	59	.512	2 1/2	3 1/2	6-4	W-1	30-31	32-28
Kansas City	49	74	.398	16 1/2	17 1/2	2-8	L-2	29-34	20-40
Detroit	47	76	.382	18 1/2	19 1/2	4-6	W-2	28-34	19-42

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	78	45	.634	—	—	6-4	W-1	39-18	39-27
Seattle	66	55	.545	11	+ 1/2	7-3	L-1	31-26	35-29
Texas	55	66	.455	22	10 1/2	6-4	W-2	27-34	28-32
Los Angeles	52	69	.430	25	13 1/2	4-6	L-2	26-36	26-33
Oakland	44	77	.364	33	21 1/2	3-7	W-1	18-39	26-38

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Kirk c	4	0	0	0	1	.300
Hernandez dh	4	0	1	0	2	.264
Bichette ss	4	0	2	0	1	.258
M.Chapman 3b	1	0	0	1	.233	
Merrifield rf-2b	1	1	1	0	.241	
Espinol 2b	1	0	0	0	.270	
a-Biggio ph	0	0	0	0	.220	
b-Springer ph	1	0	1	0	.269	
1-Tapia pr-rf	1	0	0	0	.271	
Bradley Jr. cf	3	0	0	1	.208	
TOTALS	32	5	2	6	N.Y. Yankees	AB R H BI SO AVG
Benintendi If	3	2	2	1	.300	
Judge dh	3	0	0	0	.293	
Rizzo 1b	3	1	1	0	.221	
LeMahieu 3b	4	0	2	1	.280	
Torres 2b	4	0	0	0	.244	
Cabrera ss	4	0	0	0	.318	
Hicks cf	3	0	0	1	.215	
Trevino c	3	1	0	1	.269	
Gonzalez rf	2	0	0	1	.205	
TOTALS	29	4	6	3	12	
Toronto	000 000 100	2	5	1	N.Y. Yankees	101 000 20x
						4 6 0

a-for Espinal in the 7th.

b-single for Biggio in the 7th.

1-run for Springer in the 7th.

E: Gurriel Jr. (3). **LOB:** Toronto 7, New York 5. **2B:** Benintendi (21).

HR: Merrifield (7), off Cortes; Benintendi (4), off Cimber. S: Gonzalez.

RBIs: Merrifield (44), Bradley Jr. (32), LeMahieu (44), Benintendi (246).

Runners left in scoring position:

Toronto 3(M.Chapman, Guerrero Jr. 2); New York 3(Torres 2, LeMahieu);

RISP: Toronto 1for; New York 2for.

TORONTO IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Manoah	6	4	2	1	2	8	.266
Cimber, L	1	2	2	0	2	.327	
Richards	1	0	0	0	2	.494	

NY YANKEES IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Cortes	6	3	1	1	1	5	.268
Loaisiga, H. 7	1/2	1	1	0	0	6.04	
Peralta, BS, 1-6	1/2	1	0	1	0	2.45	
Trivino, W. 2-7	2/6	0	0	1	1	5.27	

Pitches-Strikes: Manoah 104-61;

Cimber 17-14; Richards 11-9;

Cortes 103-71; Loaisiga 9-4; Peralta 10-5; Trivino 32-19.

Batters Faced: Manoah 25; Cimber 5; Richards 3; Cortes 22; Loaisiga 3; Peralta 3; Trivino 8.

Inherited runners-scored: Peralta 2-1, Trivino 3-0. **HP:** Manoah (Judge).

Umpires: Home, Andy Fletcher; First, Bill Welke; Second, Junior Valentine; Third, Gabe Morales.

Time: 2:59. A: 46,958(47,309).

HOUSTON 5, ATLANTA 4

Houston AB R H BI SO AVG

Dubon 2b	5	2	2	0	0	.216
Gurriel 1b	4	0	2	1	.247	
Alvarez dh	5	1	2	2	.296	
Bregman 3b	4	1	0	1	.261	
Tucker rf	5	0	2	1	.260	
Pena ss	3	0	1	0	.324	
McCormick lf	3	1	0	1	.240	
Meyers cf	3	0	1	0	.216	
Maldonado d	4	0	0	0	.318	
TOTALS	36	5	10	5	14	
Atlanta	AB R H BI SO AVG					
Acuna Jr. dh	4	0	1	0	.271	
Swanson ss	4	1	0	0	.292	
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	.286	
Olson 1b	3	2	2	0	.251	
d'Arnaud c	3	1	1	0	.262	
Grissom 2b	4	0	2	1	.395	
Harris II cf	4	0	0	0	.283	
Ozuna lf	2	0	0	0	.213	
a-Rosario ph	1	0	0	0	.187	
Hereda rf	0	0	0	0	.136	
Grossman rf-rlf	3	0	0	0	.237	
TOTALS	32	4	7	4	9	
Houston	002 000 021	5	10	0	0	
Atlanta	200 000 002	4	7	1	0	

a-grounded out for Ozuna in the 7th.

b-struck out for Peralta in the 7th.

c-grounded out for Roker in the 9th.

1-run for Perez in the 8th. **HP:** Lowe (26).LOB: Kansas City 7, Tampa Bay 6. **2B:** Witt Jr. (21), Melendez (15), Sir (8).

SCOREBOARD**SOCER**

LEAGUE	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	14	4	9	51	51	20
CF Montreal	14	8	4	46	47	41
New York City FC	12	7	6	42	46	30
NY. Red Bulls	11	8	4	41	33	
Inter Miami CF	10	10	6	36	34	42
Columbus	8	6	10	34	32	27
New England	8	8	10	34	38	40
Cincinnati	8	8	10	34	43	46
Orlando City	9	10	6	33	28	36
Charlotte FC	10	14	2	32	33	40
Chicago	8	11	6	30	28	34
Toronto FC	8	13	6	30	40	47
Atlanta	7	10	8	29	34	38
D.C. United	6	16	4	22	28	55
WESTERN				W	L	T
Los Angeles FC	18	5	3	57	55	26
Austin FC	14	6	5	48	55	36
FC Dallas	11	7	9	42	39	28
Minnesota United	12	9	5	41	42	36
Real Salt Lake	10	8	8	38	34	35
LA Galaxy	10	11	4	34	30	47
Vancouver	9	11	7	34	32	46
Seattle	10	13	3	33	35	44
Nashville	8	9	9	33	34	36
Portland	7	7	12	33	42	40
Colorado	8	10	8	32	37	40
San Jose	6	11	9	27	42	54
Houston	7	14	5	26	32	43
Sporting KC	6	15	5	23	26	48

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Atlanta at Columbus, late
New York City FC at Chicago, late
Orlando City at Charlotte FC, late
Portland at Sporting KC, late
FC Dallas at Nashville, late

FRIDAY'S MATCHES

Los Angeles FC at Austin FC, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Houston at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7 p.m.
Toronto FC at Charlotte FC, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
CF Montreal at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Sporting KC, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Cincinnati 1, New York 1
Philadelphia 6, D.C. United 0
CF Montreal 4, New England 0
Miami 2, Toronto FC 1
Minnesota 2, Austin FC 1
Houston 1, Colorado 1
Vancouver 1, Real Salt Lake 1
San Jose 2, Los Angeles FC 1

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego	8	5	4	28	24	15
Portland	7	1	7	28	36	15
Houston	8	5	4	28	29	21
Kansas City	7	4	5	26	21	21
OL Reign	6	4	6	24	20	15
Chicago	6	5	5	23	22	22
Angel City	6	5	4	22	16	17
Orlando	5	5	6	21	19	31
Louisville	2	6	8	14	16	22
North Carolina	3	6	4	13	27	26
Gotham FC	4	11	0	12	12	32
Washington	1	6	9	12	16	21

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WEDNESDAY'S MATCH

Portland at North Carolina, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY'S MATCH

OL Reign at Orlando, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Orlando 2, Gotham FC 1
North Carolina 4, Chicago 0
San Diego 3, Houston 1

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Arsenal	3	3	0	9	2	9	
Man City	3	2	1	0	9	3	
Leeds	3	2	1	0	7	3	
Tottenham	3	2	1	0	7	3	
Brighton	3	2	1	0	4	1	
Newcastle	3	1	2	0	5	3	
Fulham	3	1	2	0	5	4	
Brentford	3	1	1	8	5	4	
Crystal Palace	3	1	1	4	4	4	
Notting. Forest	3	1	1	2	3	4	
Southampton	3	1	1	5	7	4	
Chelsea	3	1	1	3	5	4	
Aston Villa	3	1	0	2	3	6	
Bournemouth	3	1	0	2	2	7	
Liverpool	2	0	2	0	3	3	
Everton	3	0	1	2	2	4	
Wolverhampton	3	0	1	2	1	3	
Leicester	3	0	1	2	5	8	
Man United	2	0	0	2	1	6	
West Ham	3	0	0	3	0	5	0

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Leeds 3, Chelsea 0
Birghton 2, West Ham 0
Newcastle 3, Man City 3

MONDAY'S MATCH

Man United vs. Liverpool, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Southampton vs. Man United, 7:30 a.m.
Brentford vs. Everton, 10 a.m.
Brighton vs. Leeds, 10 a.m.
Chelsea vs. Leicester, 10 a.m.
Liverpool vs. Bournemouth, 10 a.m.
Man City vs. Crystal Palace, 10 a.m.
Arsenal vs. Fulham, 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28

Aston Villa vs. West Ham, 9 a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Newcastle, 9 a.m.
Notting. Forest vs. Tottenham, 11:30 a.m.

TENNIS**WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN**

Sunday at Lindner Family Tennis Center, Cincinnati, outdoors, hard

MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP

Borna Coric d. #4 Stefanos Tsitsipas, 7-6(0), 6-2.

LATE SATURDAY, SEMIFINALS

#4 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. #1 Daniil Medvedev, 7-6(6), 3-6, 6-3.

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TENNIS**WTA ODLUM BROWN**

Sunday at Hollyburn Country Club, Vancouver, outdoors, hard

WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP

Valentini Grammatikopoulou d. #21 Laura Bronzetti, 6-2, 6-4.

ATP WINSTON-SALEM OPEN

Sunday at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., outdoors, hard

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

Richard Gasquet d. Kamil Majchrzak, 6-7(5), 6-2, 1-0, retired.

SoonWoo Kwon d. Daniel Altmaier, 6-2, 6-4.

Thiago Monteiro vs. Denis Kudla, late

David Goffin vs. Laslo Djere, late

Hugo Gaston vs. John Millman, late

WTA TENNIS IN THE LAND

Sunday at Flats West Bank, Cleveland, outdoors, hard

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#2 Martina Irinev vs. Mayar Sherif, late

#5 Irina-Camelia Begu d. Peyton Stearns, 6-4, 6-3.

#7 Aleksandra Sasnovich d. Aleksandra Krunic, 7-6(5), 6-1.

#8 Alizé Cornet vs. Dayana Yastremska, late

Sara Sorribes Tormo vs. Camila Osorio, late

WTA CHAMPIONNATS BANQUE NATIONALE DE GRANBY

Sunday at Tennis St-Luc - Les Loisirs de Granby, Granby, Canada, outdoors, hard

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#9 Daria Saville vs. Anna Karolina Schmiedlova, late

Tatjana Maria Schmiedlova, late

Harriet Dart d. Maryna Zanevska,

SPORTS

The Sun's Brionna Jones is fouled as she drives between the Wings' Satou Sabally, left, and Teaira McCowan during Game 2 on Sunday at Mohegan Sun Arena. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Sun

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It was the first playoff win for the Dallas Wings franchise since 2009, back when they were the Detroit Shock (they were also the Tulsa Shock since then, before moving to Dallas in 2016).

With the series tied at 1-1, the Sun will now have to head on the road for an elimination Game 3 in Texas on Wednesday night. The game will air on ESPN at 9 p.m.

"I think they're frustrated in that locker room," Sun head coach and general manager Curt Miller said. "There's self-accountability. There's peer accountability that if we could go jump it up right now that group would want to play. So it won't be easy on the road in front of a hostile crowd. It's loud in Dallas. So, this is what playoff basketball is, and we look forward to being able to tip it up Wednesday."

All of the things that Connecticut did well to win handily in Game 1 were reversed in Dallas' favor in Game 2. The Sun allowed the Wings to score 20 points off of their 12 turnovers, while only forcing eight themselves. They also gave up 23 second-chance points and allowed their opponent to shoot 42.3% (11 of 16) from 3-point range.

Kayla Thornton led Dallas in scoring with 20 points, along with five rebounds and four assists. Allisha Gray had 15 points, eight assists, five rebounds and three steals, while Teaira McCowan added 17 points, 11 rebounds and three assists.

Jonquel Jones was the only Sun starter to score in double figures, finishing with 20 points, nine rebounds and two blocks. Brionna Jones had 20 points and four rebounds off the bench, while DiJonai Carrington had 13 points and six rebounds.

Wings head coach Vickie Johnson made a switch in her starting lineup from the first game of the

series, electing to start Isabelle Harrison (6 feet 3) at center instead of McCowan (6-7). This was the first game McCowan came off the bench since July 12.

That move to go smaller paid dividends. The combination of the Wings' defense and a lot of missed bunnies and other self-inflicted errors had the Sun's offense completely out of rhythm to start the afternoon. They missed their first six shots from the field as the Wings jumped out to a 7-0 lead, forcing Miller to call a timeout with 6:41 left. Connecticut's first basket came nearly four minutes into the first quarter, a 3-pointer from Courtney Williams.

Still, the Sun couldn't get much of anything going from there, despite the many substitutions Miller made. They trailed 22-7 at the end of the first quarter. It was their lowest scoring in a quarter all season, with the previous low of eight points coming in the third quarter against the Los Angeles Sparks on May 14.

Connecticut didn't look like itself as it went 1 of 8 on field goal attempts inside the paint and was outrebounded by three in that opening frame. Thornton provided a huge spark for the Wings early as she scored nine points on 3 of 4 shooting beyond the arc.

DeWanna Bonner made a 3-pointer to open the second quarter as part of a 9-3 Sun run that trimmed their deficit to nine points. But the Wings fought back to take control.

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field while allowing the Wings to shoot 51.4% and were outscored 20-12 in the paint in the first half.

"I think it was an execution problem," Jonquel Jones said. "If you look at the first half we got wide-open shots. So I don't think it was an offensive thing. I think it was us on defense. Defense has been our main catalyst the entirety of the season, so we have to get back to that."

Connecticut appeared to have some much-needed momentum after Jonquel Jones grabbed an offensive rebound and with made an and-one bucket, trimming the deficit to 50-37. But Dallas stormed back from there, going on an 8-0 run in a little over a minute after Thornton made her fourth 3-pointer of the game to lead 58-37 with a little over six minutes left in the third quarter.

The Wings continued to build their advantage from there and led 76-47 at the end of the third quarter.

Miller subbed in rookie point guard Nia Clendenen at the beginning of the fourth quarter, with Jonquel Jones as the only starter left on the floor. The game looked well out of reach by that point, with the rest of the starting five on the bench aghast at what had just unfolded.

With less than two minutes left a once 31-point deficit had been trimmed to 11 points by the bench. But it wouldn't get closer from there.

"It's tough when you put yourself in a hole in the first quarter," Brionna Jones said. "I think we've just got to be better coming out from the jump. We know what we can do. I mean, we had some open shots. We missed them. But the fight that we had at the end of the game, we need to bring that coming into those situations. Like if somebody throws a punch, we have to throw one right back. And I think we're built for it and we're ready to go down there and take care of business."

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TOM WEISKOPF 1942-2022**Major champion, golf course architect, dies at 79****By Doug Ferguson**

Associated Press

Tom Weiskopf's golf skill went far beyond his 16 victories on the PGA Tour and his lone major at Troon in the British Open. He was always candid, often outspoken and unfailingly accurate in the television booth. He found even greater success designing golf courses.

Weiskopf died Saturday at his home in Big Sky, Montana, at the age of 79, his wife said. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in December 2020.

Laurie Weiskopf said Tom was working last week at The Club at Spanish Peaks and attended a legacy luncheon at the signature club where he was designing "The Legacy: Tom's Ten," a collection of his 10 favorite par 3s.

"He worked to the end. It was amazing," she said. "He had a big life."

The son of a railroad worker in Ohio, Weiskopf once said he fell in love with the game before he even began to play. His father took him to the 1957 U.S. Open at Inverness, and he was mesmerized watching Sam Snead make such pure contact.

"You had dinner with Tom and loved every minute of it," Andy North said Sunday. "The sad thing that gets lost is how good he was. Every time he hit a shot, it was beautiful."

Pure contact was his hallmark at Ohio State and then his career on tour. At 6-feet 3 — tall for golf in that era — Weiskopf had a swing that was powerful and rhythmic, natural and athletic. His best year was in 1973, when he won seven times around the world, including the claret jug and the World Series of Golf at Firestone before it was an official tour event.

He was known equally for the majors he didn't win and the competition he faced — particularly Jack Nicklaus, the star from Ohio who preceded him by a few years on tour and cast an enormous shadow over Weiskopf for his entire career.

Weiskopf had four runner-up

finishes in the Masters, the most of any player without having won a green jacket. Most memorable was in 1975, when Weiskopf and Johnny Miller stood on the 16th tee as they watched Nicklaus hole a 40-foot birdie putt up the slope that carried him to another victory.

He was famous for saying of Nicklaus: "Jack knew he was going to beat you. You knew Jack was going to beat you. And Jack knew you knew he was going to beat you."

More telling was his interview with Golf Digest in 2008 when Weiskopf said: "Going head to head against Jack Nicklaus in a major was like trying to drain the Pacific Ocean with a teacup. You stand on the first tee knowing that your very best golf might not be good enough."

Weiskopf was plenty good in so many areas, and yet he often said he didn't make the most out of his talent. He attributed much of that to drinking, which he once said ruined his golf career. He gave up alcohol in 2007 and considered that one of his great victories.

Nicklaus once said of him, "Tom Weiskopf had as much talent as any player I've ever seen play the tour."

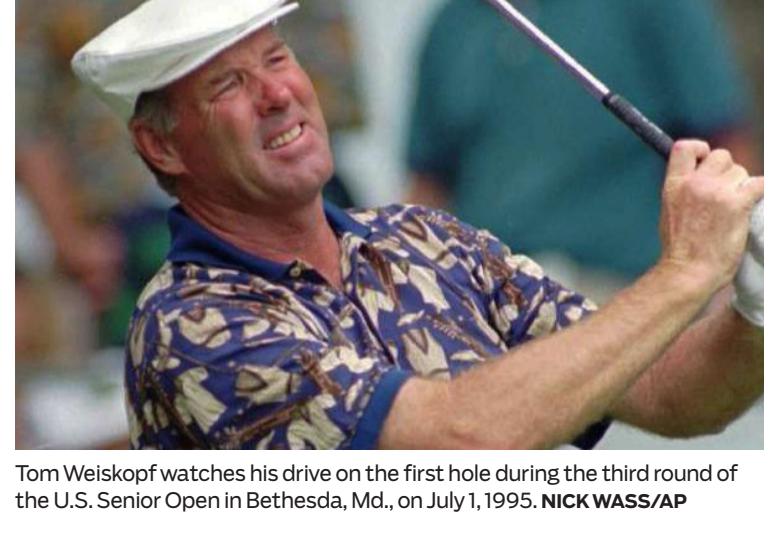
He also said he was never passionate enough about golf. His love was the outdoors, particularly hunting and fishing. Weiskopf once skipped the 1977 Ryder Cup so he could go sheep hunting.

His free spirit and unfiltered thoughts were a big part of his personality. His tempered to nicknames like the "Towering Inferno" and "Terrible Tom." So much of it was traced to his high standards when it came to golf.

"I could not accept failure when it was my fault," he said after winning the U.S. Senior Open in 1995 at Congressional. "It just used to tear me up."

Weiskopf's last PGA Tour victory was the 1982 Western Open. His last full year on the PGA Tour was a year later.

He played on the PGA Tour Champions, and perhaps it was only fitting his lone major was the Senior Open by four shots over Nicklaus.



Tom Weiskopf watches his drive on the first hole during the third round of the U.S. Senior Open in Bethesda, Md., on July 1, 1995. NICK WASS/AP

Amore

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The seventh-seeded Liberty won Game 1 at Chicago, and though they were blown out in Game 2, have the advantage of playing the decisive game in Brooklyn.

Now Dallas, the No. 6 seed, fought off its Game 1 blowout, won a playoff game for the first time since the franchise moved from Detroit and earned a split in Connecticut. So the Sun, rather than having a week to recover and prepare for the semifinals, will have to bus to Boston, fly commercial to Dallas on Monday and win an elimination game there Wednesday night.

"I think they're frustrated in that locker room," Sun coach Curt Miller said. "There's self-accountability, peer accountability right now. If we could go jump it up right now, that group would want to play."

The time for the Sun and the Wings to jump it up was noon Sunday, and the Wings were the ones who were ready. The Sun came out flat. Wings coach Vickie Johnson said she told a Dallas TV station her team, after losing to the Sun by 25 in Game 1, would be coming home for Game 3. Then she told her team to leave it all on the floor. "You can't win if you're afraid," she said.

Then she made a move. Johnson decided to go with a smaller starting lineup and keep her frontcourt star, Teaira McCowan, on the bench until Miller put Brionna Jones in the game. That was the matchup she wanted.

Dallas stunned the Sun and the crowd, jumping out to a 7-0 lead. When McCowan came in, the Wings upped it to 15-5 and kept going. By early in the fourth

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LOCAL SCOREBOARD**EASTERN LEAGUE****STANDINGS****NORTHEAST**

	W	L	PCT	GB
Somerset	69	44	.611	—
Hartford	66	47	.584	3
Portland	56	57	.496	13
Reading	51	62	.451	18
New Hampshire	50	64	.439	19.5
Binghamton	42	70	.375	26.5

SOUTHWEST

	W	L	PCT	GB

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'It's the heartbeat of my life'

Troubled relationship with her mother provides narrative force in child actor Jennette McCurdy's memoir

By Dave Itzkoff

The New York Times

When Jennette McCurdy was 16, she was in her third year on "iCarly," the hit teen sitcom on Nickelodeon. Millions of young viewers admired her for her comic portrayal of Sam Puckett, the wisecracking pal of its title character, and she was proud that her lucrative work was helping to support her family.

McCurdy was also living under the stringent control of her mother, Debra, who oversaw her career, determined her meals and even administered her showers. Her mother gave her breast and vaginal exams, which she said were inspections for cancer, and shaved her daughter's legs while McCurdy remained largely uneducated about the changes her body was experiencing.

She struggled with obsessive-compulsive disorder, eating disorders and anxiety triggered by the constant attention she received as a celebrity, but she felt trapped in her work. She also believed she owed her unfaltering loyalty to her mother, who had recovered from breast cancer when Jennette was very young, only for her cancer to return in 2010 at the height of her daughter's fame.

Debra McCurdy died in 2013, and Jennette, now 30, is still reckoning with the gravitational pull exerted by her mother, who steered her to the trade that gave her visibility and financial stability while she controlled virtually every aspect of her daughter's existence.

When Jennette McCurdy wrote a memoir, which Simon & Schuster recently published, it was clear to her that her relationship with her mother would provide its narrative force. "It's the heartbeat of my life," she said recently.

The book is titled "I'm Glad My Mom Died," and its cover bears the image of McCurdy, a narrow half-smile on her face, holding a pink funeral urn with confetti strands peeking over its rim. The presentation might be off-putting to some readers; the author is well aware. But she also thinks it accurately encapsulates a coming-of-age story that is alternately harrowing and mordantly funny.

As McCurdy recounts in her memoir, she was 6 when she started auditioning for acting roles, having been shepherded into the



Jennette McCurdy, seen June 20 in New York, is best known for her role as Sam on "iCarly." AHMED GABER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

work by her mother, who was discouraged from becoming an actor by her own parents.

McCurdy was cast in TV commercials and shows like "Mad TV," "Malcolm in the Middle" and "CSI" before landing "iCarly," which had its debut in 2007. Yet she never had any illusions about who was really benefiting from these accomplishments. As she writes of the moment she learned she had booked "iCarly," "Everything's going to be better. Mom will finally be happy. Her dream has come true."

McCurdy endured various embarrassments and indignities at Nickelodeon, where she writes of being

photographed in a bikini at a wardrobe fitting and being encouraged to drink alcohol by an intimidating figure she simply calls the Creator. In situations where her mother was present, Debra did not intervene or speak up, instructing Jennette that this was the price of showbiz success.

When McCurdy was promised an "iCarly" spinoff, she assumed she'd be given her own show — only to receive a co-starring slot on "Sam & Cat," which paired her with future pop-music sensation Ariana Grande. There, she says her superiors on these shows prevented her from pursuing career

opportunities outside the show while Grande thrived in her extracurricular work. As McCurdy writes,

"What finally undid me was when Ariana came whistling-toning in with excitement because she had spent the previous evening playing charades at Tom Hanks' house. That was the moment I broke."

As McCurdy grew older and more independent, her relationship with her mother became further strained. The book reproduces an email in which her mother calls her "a slut," "a floozy" and "an ugly monster," then concludes with a request for money for a refrigerator. When Debra had a recur-

rence of cancer and died, Jennette, then 21, was liberated — and left to navigate a complex world without her guidance, contending with destructive romantic relationships, bulimia, anorexia and alcohol abuse.

"iCarly" ended its original run in 2012, and "Sam & Cat" ran just one season, from 2013-14, after which, McCurdy writes, she turned down a \$300,000 offer from Nickelodeon if she agreed never to speak publicly about her experiences at the network. (A representative for Nickelodeon declined to comment.)

She was free to reclaim her personal life and pursue other projects, like

the Netflix science-fiction series "Between." But she found it difficult to let go of the resentment from how she had been treated when she was younger. As she said in an interview, "It felt like all these decisions were being made on my behalf, and I was the last one to know about them. That's really infuriating. It led to a lot of rage."

A few years ago, McCurdy started writing a new series of personal essays, including several about her mother, and shared them with her manager at the time. "My manager sent me back a nice email that said, 'This is great. I don't really know what to do with this.' I'll never forget the 'xoxo' at the end." (McCurdy no longer works with that manager.)

Instead, she began performing a one-woman show, also called "I'm Glad My Mom Died," in Los Angeles. Though the pandemic impeded plans to take the show on the road, McCurdy used some of her downtime to craft the memoir. "I really wanted to build it out a lot more, get more into the childhood aspect of the story and work through the arc in a way that you only can with a book," she explained.

McCurdy is writing another set of essays about coming into her own in her 20s, as well as a novel.

Aside from a few watch parties that her family held for her earliest episodic TV work, McCurdy said, "I've never seen any of the shows that I've been on." For her, these were fraught documents of her suffering and unwelcome reminders of the helplessness she felt at the time.

A few years ago, after the cancellation of her Netflix series, McCurdy decided to take a break from acting. As she writes in the memoir, "I want my life to be in my hands. Not an eating disorder's or a casting director's or an agent's or my mom's. Mine." She did not take part in a recent revival of "iCarly" on Paramount+. But McCurdy said that her experience with her one-woman show has shown her there might be ways that performance could be constructive for her in the future.

"It felt significant in repairing some of the really weighted, complicated relationships that I had with acting," she said. "It felt like finally I'm saying my words and saying things I want to be saying. I'm myself."

Global percussionists unite in common rhythm once more

By Kristin M. Hall

Associated Press

A Grammy-winning group of the world's top percussionists has reunited after 15 years on a new record that aims to bring the world together in rhythm and dance.

Planet Drum's "In the Groove," out now, features drummers from different backgrounds and musical cultures collaborating using technology to adapt their acoustic instruments into new sonic forms.

The collective is made up of the Grateful Dead's Mickey Hart, Indian tabla master Zakir Hussain, Nigerian talking drum virtuoso Sikiru Adepoju and conga great Giovanni Hidalgo from Puerto Rico.

"The first thing we all know about rhythms is that they are universal," said Hussain during a recent interview. "So that is what makes it possible for rhythm players all over the



Giovanni Hidalgo, from left, Zakir Hussain, Mickey Hart and Sikiru Adepoju are the members of Planet Drum.

JAY BLAKESBERG/RETRO PHOTO ARCHIVE

world to be able to interact and communicate and be able to work together to make music."

"Drums are a language unto themselves," said Hart.

Planet Drum's self-titled first record in 1991 was the first album to win in the

Grammy category for best world music, now called best global music album. Their second record earned them another Grammy in 2009.

Hidalgo called Planet Drum an "honor for me to travel the whole world with all of them, because

it is amazing when you analyze and you appreciate different cultures, different styles, from different countries — Africa, India, United States, Puerto Rico. It's amazing, and we respect all of them."

On this third album Hart and Hussain didn't want the virtuosity of the different players to overwhelm the average listener, instead focusing on creating rhythms that kept up an energy and pace that would get people moving.

Each of them are masters

on an instrument, or in a particular style of drumming, such as Adepoju,

who was born into a family

of drummers. The talking

drum, which he plays, can

imitate vocal sounds and

language.

"It was a challenge to be

able to play together as a

dance band as opposed to

rhythm masters playing in

their own styles," said Hart.

Hussain said they

wanted all those instru-

ments and drumming patterns to come together "crystallized in a simple way where all the organic elements and intricacies of the instruments and the tradition that it represents are projected."

The music video for "King Clave" showcases the members of Planet Drum and more than 50 drummers from all over the world.

"Drums form an integral part of Indigenous Cultures around the world ... used through the centuries, not only for festive occasions, but to communicate," said Adepoju in a statement.

"They feature prominently

in a broad spectrum of

community events ... hence their universal appeal."

Hart, who has regularly

been experimenting with

electronic sounds in his

solo work, wanted to show-

case new ways to use the

traditional acoustic instru-

ments by manipulating

their sounds electronically

in the studio. Hart calls it "processed percussion," and he's able to morph the sound of Hussain's tabla, for instance, into the sound of bass guitar or strings or even the sound of water drops.

"So it's electronic, very much so, but most of it comes from an acoustic source that makes it rich and pure," Hart said.

Hussain added that Planet Drum's music is meant to engage people in a communal way, just as the drum in its many forms has always been tied to social and community gatherings.

"It has been since the beginning of time when people would get around the fire and the drums would play and people would dance and chant and do all that stuff," said Hussain. "And there's no reason why we can't bring that traditional element into the into the modern sonic experience."

Sam Sanders stepping out with new podcast

Uncensored, uninhibited, unbothered persona takes center stage

By Reggie Ugwu
The New York Times

The chocolate rum notwithstanding, Sam Sanders was full of good spirits. "I'm feeling my alcohol," he said. "I took a secret shot before I came in here."

Sanders, a longtime radio and podcast host, was in a conference room in the lower Manhattan office of New York magazine, dutifully making his way through a boozy gauntlet. Someone had posted in Slack about the proliferation of celebrity-owned liquor brands; a subject, it was pointed out, that could make for a fruitful segment on "Into It," Sanders' new pop culture podcast from New York magazine, Vulture and Vox Media Podcast Network.

Now, it was 3:24 p.m. on a weekday in May, and Sanders, with the help of a few co-workers, was getting day drunk in a blind taste test. The chocolate rum — SelvaRey, by pop and R&B star Bruno Mars — won the host over mostly because of its fittingly cheeky slogan: "Made in the jungle."

"It's hokey, and corny,

and cheesy — but it works," he said.

"Into It," which recently had its debut, enters a crowded talk-show podcast space, but is distinguished by a deep bench of contributors — care of Vulture, largely missing in action in podcasting before now — and a generous pouring of irreverence. Like "Culture Gabfest" and "Pop Culture Happy Hour," it promises smart takes from critics on the week's news and trends. As on "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me" and "Love It or Leave It," in-studio games and calls from listeners will provide a sense of dynamism. But the

clearest indication of the show's ambition is Sanders himself, previously best known as the founding host of NPR's pop culture podcast and radio show "It's Been a Minute."

For Sanders, 37, "Into It" is both a reset and a moment of emancipation. He spent 12 years in public radio, first coming to prominence, during the 2016 presidential election, as one of the original co-hosts of "NPR Politics Podcast." Throughout that time, he says, he had been honing a persona that felt cramped on public radio but takes center stage on "Into It": uncensored, uninhibited and unbothered.

"Every year at NPR, you could hear me pushing the line: What can you say? What can you not say? How can you say it?" Sanders said in a recent interview.

"I didn't want to think about that anymore. At a certain point, it just became (Expletive) the line. I'm past that."

On "It's Been a Minute," which began in 2017, Sanders attracted a loyal following with a combination of old-school gravitas and frisky informality. He was a sturdy enunciator of hard news, updating listeners on the Trump White House and the early pandemic. But the show leaned into conversation rather than monologue.

Sanders brought a convivial generosity and enthusiasm to group discussions and long interviews that called to mind the friend at the cookout with whom you can't wait to gossip or commiserate.

Brent Baughman, a senior producer at NPR who developed "It's Been a Minute" with Sanders, said he took note of the host's unusual effect on listeners while working on

"NPR Politics Podcast." At an event for that show in 2016, fans wore homemade T-shirts screen printed with Sanders' face. "It was clear that he had a star power that transcended politics," Baughman said. "People would tune in just because they loved him."

Surfacing uncommon pathways for emotional sincerity has long been the object of Sanders' work. In his first job at NPR, as a postgraduate fellow in 2009, he gravitated toward subjects with an undercurrent of pathos. In 2016, after a deadly shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, which came a year after a deadly shooting at a Black church in Charleston, South Carolina, Sanders provided a rare note of catharsis on "NPR Politics Podcast."

"You think about the mother who lost her life in Charleston — the reason she needed that safe space is because she's not sure if her son might be killed for carrying a bag of Skittles," he said. "The people in the club in Orlando, the reason they need that safe space is because they're not sure if they'll get beat up for kissing their boyfriend, or if they'll be able to keep their jobs because they're gay. I hope we understand that lots of people in America, in this society, don't feel safe every day."

Born in Seguin, Texas, Sanders never expected to work as a journalist. He was raised in a strict, Pentecostal household and once thought he'd become a preacher. He pivoted in his college years, preparing for a career as a campaign strategist or political fundraiser. It wasn't until the final year of a master's program in public policy, at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, that



Longtime radio and podcast host Sam Sanders, seen July 26 at home in Los Angeles, recently launched the podcast "Into It." MICHAEL TYRONE DELANEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES

he considered applying to NPR, of which he and his mother had become enamored on hourlong drives to and from church.

"It was a way to stay informed and get involved without having to do politics," Sanders said.

He learned reporting on the job at NPR, and he initially embraced the nonprofit's strict rules regarding impartiality. A 2012 ethics handbook admonished journalists to "transcend how we feel about a subject and impart to our audience what we know about it, and what we don't."

Even as he flirted with

bringing more of himself to his stories, Sanders remained wary of getting too personal. In his remarks about the Pulse nightclub shooting, he made no mention of his own sexuality. (Two years later, he discussed coming out as gay in an episode of "It's Been a Minute.")

"It took years of work on myself to get to the point where I felt comfortable sharing anything personal in the midst of a story," he said.

The structure of "Into It," over which Sanders has wide discretion, is deliberately flexible. His long interviews are back in

the mix (the first episode included a deep dive on Beyoncé with journalist Danyel Smith), and he is leaving space for what he calls "high jinks for the sake of high jinks," such as the celebrity liquor tasting.

Mostly, he says, he wants to talk about whatever feels good and invite others to do the same.

"I think the best thing that I can offer is a place where you can come recharge, learn, be entertained and then go back out into the world feeling a little bit of a lift," Sanders said. "That's what I've wanted for my listeners from Day 1."

Povich fulfilled his life's ambition to tell stories

Appeal of TV host's 'Maury' transcends racial, gender lines

By Greg Braxton
Los Angeles Times

Inside a studio in Stamford, Connecticut, a man and a woman were at each other's throats.

Tashima and her live-in boyfriend, Darnell, were battling after he accused her of infidelity during their three-year relationship, including sleeping with the mailman. Darnell's claim that he was not really the father of their young son infuriated Tashima, who demanded he step up, be a parent to his child and "put a ring on it."

"Look at him! Look at him! You know you lying!" Tashima screamed, gesturing to a large picture of the young boy and singling out his resemblance to Darnell. The only thing louder than the yelling was the gleeful reaction from the packed studio audience.

As the rage escalated, Maury Povich, host of the daytime series "Maury," tried to calm the couple down, asking them about the future of their relationship. He then reached for a sealed envelope containing the results of a paternity test. The audience cheered with anticipation.

"When it comes to 3-year-old Andro," announced Povich as he read the results, "Darnell — you are NOT the father!"

As the audience roared, Tashima sprinted off stage. "Oh my God. Oh my God. I can't live like this!" she howled as she collapsed backstage, pounding the floor in anguish as Povich and Darnell attempted to comfort her. "I'm here, I'm not going anywhere," Darnell said, embracing his girlfriend.

Although one crisis was resolved, another one — and another — would be introduced after the commercial break. And in each instance Povich, with



Maury Povich, seen June 2, outlasted a steady stream of competitors to become the longest running daytime talk show host in broadcast TV history. DAVID LIVINGSTON/GETTY

a mix of wisdom, authority and warmth, was the calm at the center of the storm, taking on the role of TV's symbolic father figure, one he's held for more than three decades.

Until now. The 83-year-old host, who announced earlier this year that he is finally bringing the curtain down on "Maury," has opened his last envelope. Original episodes will cease to air when the current season comes to an end in September.

Povich, a former newsman, has outlasted a steady stream of competitors amid shifting viewer tastes to become the longest running daytime talk show host in broadcast TV history. Premiering in 1991 as "The Maury Povich Show," "Maury" has carved out its own distinctive niche as a circus of human drama starring outrageous characters and showcasing volcanic disputes among warring families, cheating lovers and deadbeat fathers.

The syndicated series has continued to be a solid performer, attracting a daily average of 1.2 million viewers. Povich's signature catchphrase ("You are/are not the father"), theatrics, backstage tantrums and the "baby daddy dance" performed when participants are pleased with paternity test results have delighted fans and inspired countless GIFs. The show has also drawn fire from critics who say its images are exploitative and offensive.

"I have no more mountains to climb," Povich said in an interview on June 2. A few hours later, he received the Brandon Tartikoff Legacy Award from the National Association of Television Programming Executives. Presenting him with the honor was his wife, famed TV journalist and former CBS News anchor Connie Chung.

While many might label "Maury" as lowbrow and disposable, Povich is undeniably proud of the show. "I

was able to get as close and intimate with my guests, my audience and my viewers as anyone who has done this type of show. I appreciate the faith and trust they had in me."

The show also fulfilled his life's ambitions: to tell stories and help people. "Every single story deserves attention, and I search for the unique quality in that story," he said. "I've always been a good reader of people and getting to the heart of what's most important about them."

As he reflected on his career and the success of "Maury," Povich projected the same good-humored geniality that is on display during his show. He continues to be gratified (and surprised) at the series' longevity, saying, "the great part is when people come up to me and say, 'I watched you as a kid. I watched you as a grown-up, and now my kids and grandkids are watching you. It's down to three

generations.'"

He is the last survivor of the tabloid-flavored daytime talk show era that hit its stride during the 1980s and 1990s and was dominated by the likes of Oprah Winfrey, Geraldo Rivera, Jenny Jones, Jerry Springer, Sally Jesse Raphael and others.

"Since this show started in 1991, there are 75 daytime talk shows in the graveyard," Povich said. "That's how difficult daytime talk is."

The appeal of the show transcends racial and gender lines. Young people of color who appear as guests greet Povich as if he is an old friend. Povich said viewers tune in for various reasons. "A lot of people watch for entertainment. Others watch for information. Then there are those who feel, 'There but for the grace of God go I.' They're in the same boat."

Asked about his wildest "Maury" moments, Povich recalled an instance when a woman accused a man of being the father of her twins. "I opened the envelope, and he's the father of one twin but not the other. The twins were fraternal, and in that case, it's possible for two different fathers if the mother is rather active during a certain period of time. It's a billion-to-one shot, and it happened on my show!"

Among those who've lashed out against the show in the past is rapper Chuck D of Public Enemy, who charged Povich and his fellow daytime hosts of exploiting their guests, particularly young Black people. Povich has been questioned regularly by interviewers about his ethics and approach.

While acknowledging the over-the-top formula of his show, Povich said there is a deeper purpose to "Maury."

"Yes, there are some theatrics, and I accept it because I have a goal in mind," he said. "I'll take it because I'm looking for the

truth. If I can prove someone is the father of this child, that child will have a better chance in life with two people, two parents."

He went on: "I've had these critics over the years say I'm exploiting these people, taking advantage of them. They can take that tack. But I feel there's a (greater) good. And I prove that. I bring these guests back 15 years later and find out that the guy did get into the kid's life, got together with the mother, and they had more kids and the child ended up with a good job." The daytime host added, "There are a lot of good endings with these stories. I'm not saying it's the majority of them. But a significant amount shows that the stories and results have been helpful."

Povich has been plotting to step away from the show for six years. But executives at NBCUniversal, which syndicates the series, would not let him, saying it was too valuable. When he told them two years ago he wanted to retire, they asked for one last extension, adding that this would give his program the title of longest running TV daytime talk show ever.

"I said, 'Good. That's when I'm hanging it up,'" Povich is already planning life after "Maury." He intends to become more involved with the Flathead Beacon, a weekly newspaper in Montana that he and Chung own. He will also spend more time on the golf course.

But one thing is certain: He's done with television.

"My hero throughout my entire career was Johnny Carson," Povich said. "I knew him a little bit. The way he went out was the right way. He was never seen again. I have no desire to be on TV again. This is the end of a great job,

and there's no reason to try something else. We've seen too many athletes try to hang on too long. I don't want to be in that company."

CELEBRITIES



Ryan Reynolds, left, and Rob McElhenney in "Welcome to Wrexham." PATRICK MCELHENNEY/FX

Doc follows stars' purchase of team

From news services

In February 2021, actors Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney took over Wrexham Association Football Club, a small team from the north of Wales, and now they're releasing a documentary about their journey.

"Welcome to Wrexham," which premieres Wednesday on FX, begins with the initial late-night conversation between the actors where the idea was formed, and fast forwards to them standing with the club's fans in the terraces cheering on the team they now co-own.

Wrexham is the third oldest football team in the world and plays in the English National League. The show hops from Hollywood to Wales, from pitch to pub, with two of Hollywood's biggest stars hoping to bring footballing success back to the town.

Reynolds has fallen head-over-heels in love with the beautiful game — so much so that he schedules his life around Wrexham matches. "I am so obsessed with this sport now that I actually hate this sport. Like, I wish it didn't occupy my every thought," jokes the actor.

Luckily, wife Blake

Lively shares his new interest — despite her initial worries. Reynolds said when he purchased the club, his wife's reaction was "Wait? What!?" — but now she's as a bigger fan than he is. "She's obsessed with Wrexham, she may be more obsessed with Wrexham and its possible promotion than I am."

The decision to document their journey as owners of a football club was a no-brainer. McElhenney sees "sports as storytelling," and the pair wanted to put Wrexham on the world stage, aiming to help broaden the club's horizons thanks to their collective fame.

Singer Campbell confirms he is gay: Tevin Campbell is opening up about his sexuality, coming out to the world as a gay man in a recent interview with the People magazine podcast "People Every Day."

"When I came out to my family and friends about 19 or 20, that was it for me," the singer said. "And then I went on the road of discovering myself. I didn't know who I was."

Campbell said he didn't try to hide anything about himself or act "straight," but acknowledged how difficult it was to be

publicly gay in the '90s. Earlier this year, the singer fueled speculation about his sexuality when he tweeted (and later deleted) "Tevin is (rainbow flag emoji)" in response to a user saying she had heard that he, Luther Vandross and Teddy Pendergrass were all gay.

Sykes to host show featuring Ring clips: Comedian Wanda Sykes is set to host "Ring Nation," a series in the mold of "America's Funniest Home Videos," featuring viewers' submitted clips taken from video doorbells and smart home cameras, according to MGM Television and home security and smart home company Ring — both owned by Amazon. The half-hour show will premiere in syndication on Sept. 26.

Aug. 22 birthdays: Journalist Morton Dean is 87. Actor Cindy Williams is 75. Guitarist David Marks is 74. Actor Regina Taylor is 62. Drummer Debbi Peterson is 61. Singer Tori Amos is 59. Singer James DeBarge is 59. Actor Ty Burrell is 55. Chef Giada De Laurentiis is 52. Actor Rick Yune is 51. Comedian Kristen Wiig is 49. TV host James Corden is 44.

From 'Marry Me' to 'She-Hulk,' variety's key for director Coiro

By Alicia Rancilio
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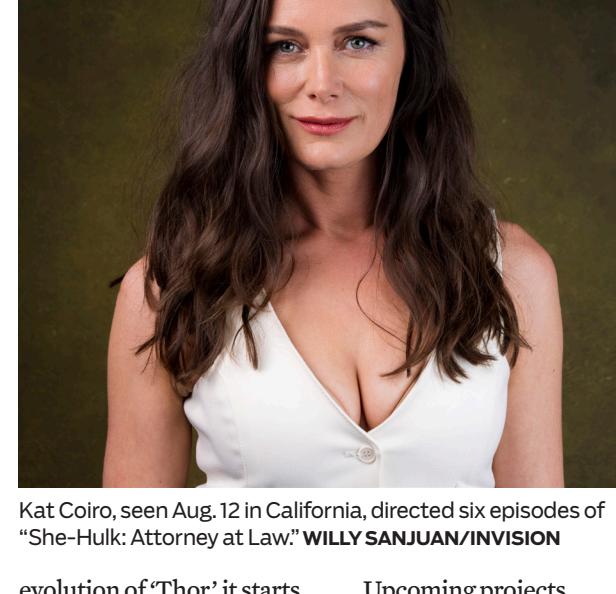
With high expectations and a sprawling scope of storytelling, directing anything in the Marvel Cinematic Universe would seem daunting. For Kat Coiro, an executive producer and director on the series "She-Hulk: Attorney at Law," it was only scary before Tatiana Maslany was cast in the lead role.

"As soon as the idea of Tatiana came into the sphere of the show and then she actually auditioned for us, all the fear went out the window. I said, 'Oh, we've got her.' She is an actress who understands things on an intellectual macro level, but then also understands things on a very emotional, engaged level. And we needed somebody with that intelligence ... vulnerability," said Coiro, who directed six of the show's nine episodes and worked closely with writer Jessica Gao.

In "She-Hulk," which recently premiered on Disney+, Maslany plays Jennifer Walters, an attorney to the superhuman who, like her cousin Bruce Banner — played by Mark Ruffalo — turns into a Hulk when she gets angry. The series, with its legal cases and wacky commentary, is different from other Marvel projects.

To prepare, Coiro, who was already a fan of the Marvel movies, revisited each title.

"After I got the job, I sat down, and I watched everything in chronological order. And it was pretty revelatory because I realized that unlike anything that has ever been done before, the MCU is this ever-evolving organism that kind of draws inspiration from the audience and from what fans want," Coiro said. "When you look, for example, at the



Kat Coiro, seen Aug. 12 in California, directed six episodes of "She-Hulk: Attorney at Law." WILLY SANJUAN/INVISION

evolution of 'Thor,' it starts out pretty serious. And now we are in, you know, the most recent installment ("Thor: Love and Thunder") that is just so goofy and out there. And I think that has a lot to do with feedback and with listening to the fans.

"On 'She-Hulk,' we have this character who is very self-aware, and because there is a meta level to the show, we get to directly engage with fans and play around with the idea that like, 'We know Twitter. You're out there, we know you're listening.'

Ciro, who recently directed Jennifer Lopez and Owen Wilson in the rom-com "Marry Me," says "She-Hulk" was appealing because she prides herself on her "eclectic resume."

"I always look to Rob Reiner during the time when he did 'Misery' and 'The Princess Bride' and 'Spinal Tap' and 'Stand By Me,' and I go, 'These are so wildly different but they all have themes about what it means to be a human being and these very elemental thematic undertones.' That's what excites me rather than one genre or one way of storytelling."

Upcoming projects include executive producing and directing two episodes of the YA fantasy series "The Spiderwick Chronicles" for Disney+ (based on the book series of the same name), and signing on to helm a buddy action-comedy movie called "Foreign Relations" starring Nick Jonas and Glen Powell.

Ciro will also adapt the Liane Moriarty novel "The Husband's Secret" for the big screen, which she describes as "a sexy murder mystery thriller that is a throwback to those big, cinematic films of the '80s and '90s."

Ciro began her career in showbiz as an actor, but she quickly became intrigued with everybody's jobs behind the scenes.

"I saw the directors and the producers and the writers and the cinematographers, and I very quickly changed lanes and stopped acting and started directing," Coiro said. "It's when I finally felt like I had arrived in the place I was meant to be. I was able to use the strengths that I had and tell the stories the way that I wanted to tell them."



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Witness to underage imbibing wants to tell

Dear Amy: This summer I attended a large family celebratory gathering.

There were several teenage boys in attendance, along with younger girls.

During this gathering I witnessed these young men (under legal age) openly smoking marijuana in front of the parents and guests. Their parents were the hosts of the party.

That's not all. There was a bar set up for the adults.

A person at the party witnessed a young girl, not yet a teen, drinking alcohol. When it was brought to the attention of the parents, they did not object!

These young brains are at risk, yet I feel hopeless to do anything about it in fear of being ostracized by the very people I love. I don't want anyone to get in trouble with the law, but should I say something?

— *What To Do?*

Dear What to Do?: You witnessed unhealthy and potentially dangerous behavior on the part of underage people at a private event (presumably on private property) and with their parents' knowledge.

Laws vary from state to state regarding the illegality of underage people consuming alcohol and pot while on private property and with their parents' permission. A number of states do allow this, and while you might not agree with this legislation or certainly the questionable parenting being demonstrated — you are not obliged to intervene.

(Parents may not allow underage people who are other people's children consume these substances,

and may be liable for any injuries or damages that result from underage consumption while on their property.)

What do you need to do? Nothing.

The one exception to non-intervention (in my opinion) is the preteen girl consuming alcohol when her parents were not present and witnessing it.

I think it is appropriate for any adult who witnesses a preteen child consuming alcohol to intervene directly with the child ("Is that alcohol in your cup? Nope. That's not for you.") and to let her parents know afterward.

If parents have a problem with your intervention in that regard — too bad.

Dear Amy: My partner and her two sisters have hijacked Thanksgiving ever since their mother died 10 years ago.

Every year the expectation is that the sisters, their partners and their (now adult) children gather together on Thanksgiving.

When their mom was still alive, everyone gathered at her home, but every year since reliably stirs up drama, i.e., where to meet or how to find a house that fits all 11 people (because God forbid we split up under different roofs).

But the real issue is that the only people who make these decisions are the three sisters. Significant others have no input at all. And now that the children are adults, they are given preference for deciding where we travel, which is often inconvenient for my partner and me, since we live on the other side of the

country from the rest.

When I bring this up to my partner every year, she says the other partners don't care — so why do I? But I suspect they do care. Can I please just excuse myself from the table?

— *Fed Up*

Dear Fed Up: Push yourself slowly and quietly away from this noisy table, because — you're excused.

Perhaps you have family members from your birth clan that you would like to spend time with. Or — like many — you might choose to host or join a "Friends-giving" feast.

Or you'd be perfectly happy spending a couple of days quietly at home.

You have the right to spend this holiday the way you want to. Furthermore, because spouses have been marginalized in this regard, "Hannah and her sisters" might be happy to spend some time bickering amongst themselves.

Dear Amy: I was appalled at your advice to "Older Woman," who was fantasizing about her much-younger home contractor.

You may think it's cool to encourage this woman to have "hot sex," but I am the wife of a contractor, and you would not believe the outrageous behavior he has witnessed from female clients seeking sex!

— *Appalled*

Dear Appalled: My answer was predicated on all parties being both willing and available. (My husband is a contractor, too!)

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Aries (March 21-April 19):

Doing things your way may seem like a no-brainer. The authority figure who set up the current system could be smarter than you think. Before you make drastic changes, take a closer look at why things are the way they are.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Throwing yourself into your hobbies can be especially rewarding at this time. Perhaps there's also a social element to your passion that could help you meet people, and you're likely to learn a lot from them. Be careful to listen, as their sensitivities may differ from your own.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

You could feel inclined to make some changes at home. A first step might be clarifying the boundaries of what is truly yours to shape according to your will. Knowing your limits may actually be a relief. Let someone else be the wet blanket, even if part of you knows they're right.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

You may feel like a power dynamic in one of your close relationships is blocking something you want to do, but perhaps the other person is not entirely aware of how they affect you. Don't be afraid to ask tough questions — you're likely to receive productive answers if you address what's going on directly.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Aug. 22, 1910: Japan annexed Korea, which remained under Japanese control until the end of World War II.

In 1922: Irish revolution-

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Thoughts of an exotic adventure could be especially difficult to brush aside at the moment. It might be time to figure out how you can realistically afford to do it. Directing a careful eye toward the routines you take for granted may reveal some opportunities to cut costs.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Today is all about bringing your inner beauty to the outer world. You may be interested in freshening up your look, perhaps with a change you've been thinking about for a long time. Even a relatively small shift might reflect deep growth that's been developing under the radar.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Emotional tension could be weighing on you now. Have you considered that the problem might not be entirely grounded in the present? Perhaps it's time to look at how your upbringing set you up for this dynamic. Remember that you've already survived the worst of it.

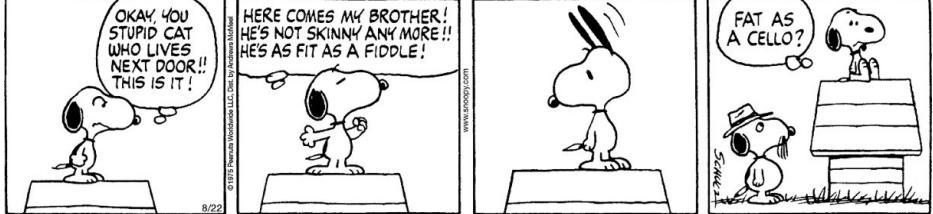
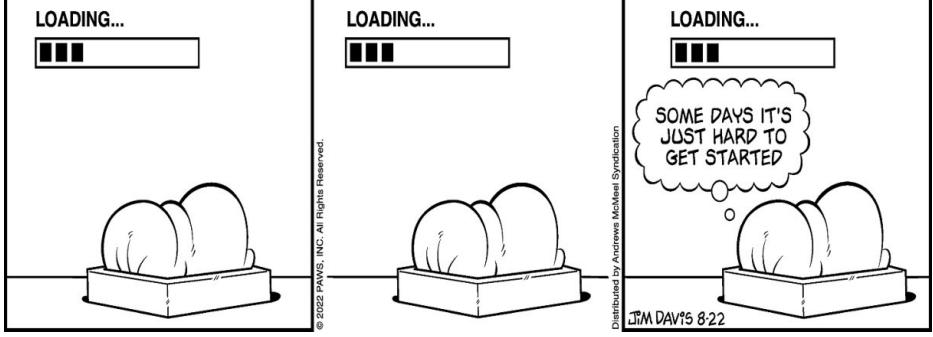
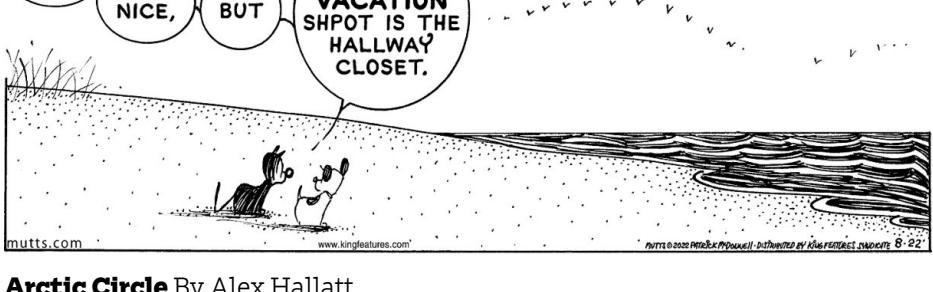
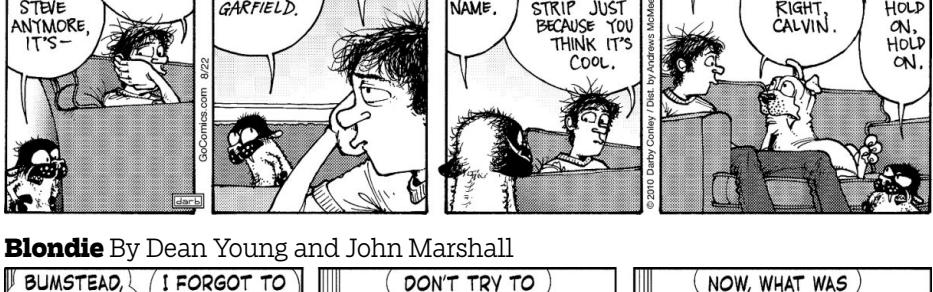
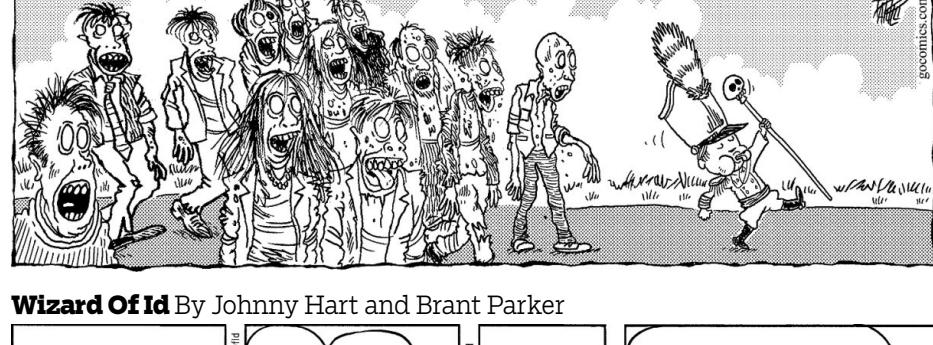
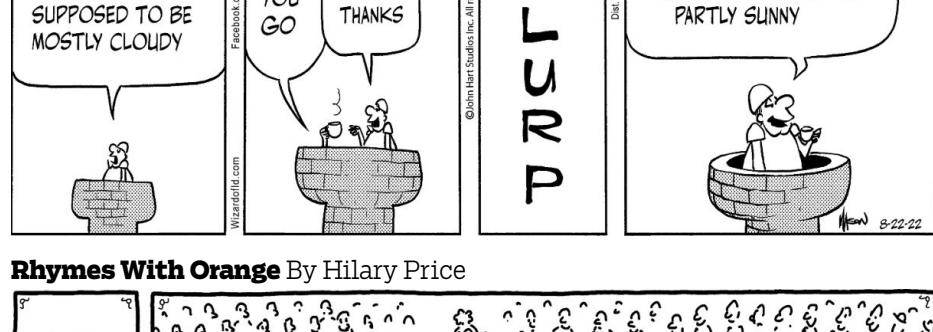
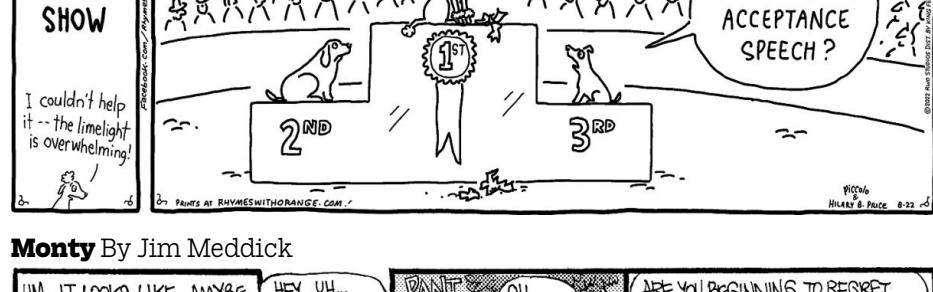
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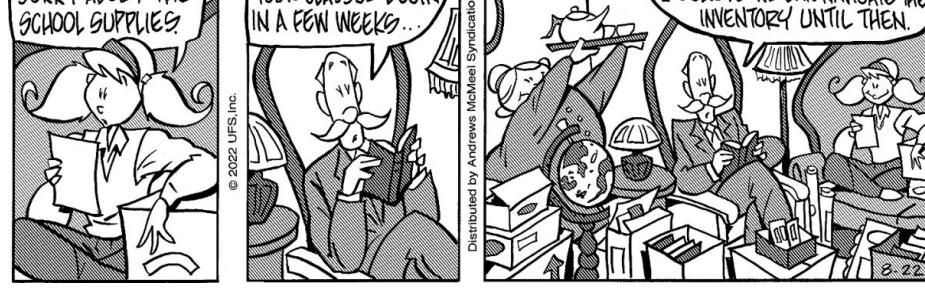
You may lack patience today. The person in charge could be unnecessarily narrow-minded. It's also possible that your own perspective has shrunk from dealing with them for too long. Talking things out with a patient friend can help you see options you've overlooked or just get a reality check.

shot to death, apparently by Irish Republican Army members opposed to the Anglo-Irish Treaty that Collins had co-signed.

In 1989: Black Panthers co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, California.

In 1996: President Bill Clinton signed welfare legislation ending guaranteed cash payments to the poor and demanding work from recipients.

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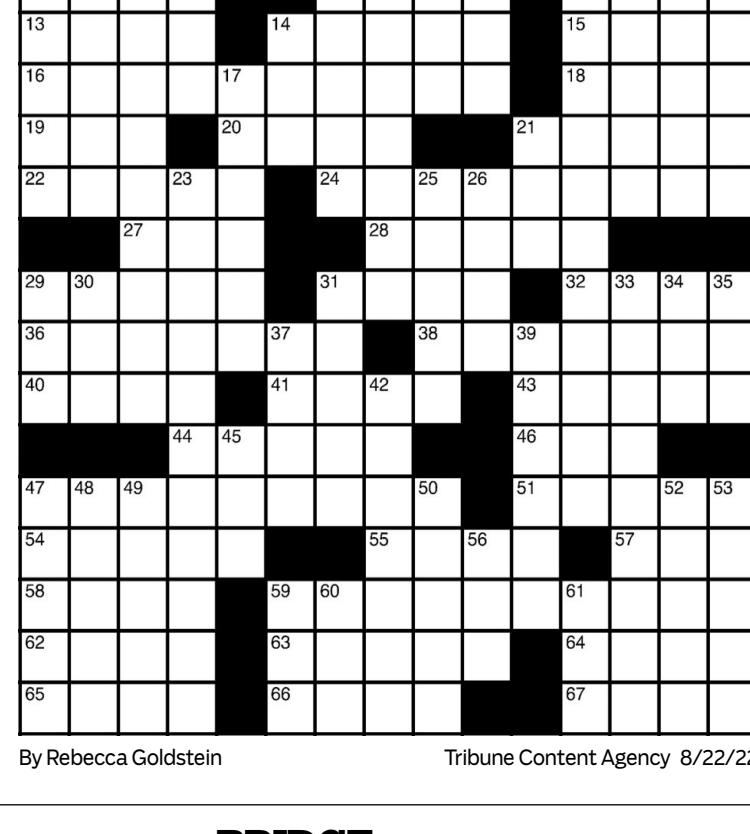
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Across

- 1 Ongoing drama
5 Sounds of revelation
9 ___ bean
13 Cereal coveted by a silly rabbit
14 Garlic piece
15 Baaing mamas
16 *Playful semiaquatic mammal
18 Merit
19 "___ the Force, Luke"
20 Looked over
21 Green shade named for a fruit
22 Electric car maker
24 *Seafood served on the half shell
27 Flower starter
28 Thompson of "Thor: Love and Thunder"
29 Parcel of land
31 Mammal with elephant and leopard varieties
32 Chiding sounds
36 *Really get down to the music
38 *Floral perfume ingredient
40 Black as night
41 Sail the seven ___
43 Spiteful, as gossip
44 Baseball Hall of Famer Stengel
46 Campfire residue
47 *Request with a tight timeline
51 Broadcast again

Down

- 1 Walk like a peacock
2 Pop up
3 Volunteers in the community one grew up in, say
4 Cord cutter?
5 Take in or let out
14 ___ Maria
25 Has on
26 Norwegian city with a Viking Ship Museum
29 Prefix with athlete
30 "Apollo 13" director Howard
31 Fine equine



By Rebecca Goldstein

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.**NORTH**♦ K J 10 4 2
♥ 9 7
♦ 10 6
♣ J 10 7 4**EAST**♦ Q 9 5
♥ A J 6 5 3
♦ Q J 3
♣ 3 2**SOUTH**♠ A 8 7 6 3
♦ K 10
♦ A 7
♣ 9 8 6 5The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 4 ♠
Opening lead — queen of diamonds.**Famous Hand**

One of the biggest swings of the 1989 Venice Cup final between the Netherlands and the United States occurred on this deal.

When Beth Palmer and Lynn Deas of the U.S. held the North-South hands, the bidding went as shown. Deas, South, consistent with the partnership style, opened a marginal one spade at favorable vulnerability. Palmer then did her part to muddy the waters for the opposition by leaping to four spades.

East could have taken any of several actions at this point, but chose the conservative course by passing, hoping her side had nothing big in the offing. The undoubled contract went down three for a score of plus 150 to the Dutch, but this scarcely made up for what happened at the other table, where the bidding went:

South West North East
Pass Pass 1 ♠! Dble

Redble 4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Dble

Here, with room to operate, the American East-West pair, Kitty Bethe and Margie Gwozdzinsky, were able to find their heart fit and determine that their side had the balance of power. Bethe had no trouble carrying on to five hearts after South bid four spades. South then doubled, no doubt thinking her side had the balance of strength.

With the trumps divided 2-2 and the heart king onside, Gwozdzinsky easily made the contract with an overtrick for a score of 1,050 points.

The 900-point difference between the two tables gave the U.S. a 14-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: Defensive reasoning.**JUMBLE**

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CTSER

CIBKR

RUTAME

NARSIP

Can I get a can time? Why is it so cold in here? I wanted presents!

WITH SO MANY DEMANDING PASSENGERS, THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT WAS FEELING SOME ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SWEPT TOOTH RIPPLE BANDIT

Answer: Salisbury Cathedral's spire was built in 1320, but it's still — IN TIP-TOP SHAPE

TODAY'S SUDOKUComplete the grid so each row, column and 3x3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE****ZIPPY****ANYHOW**

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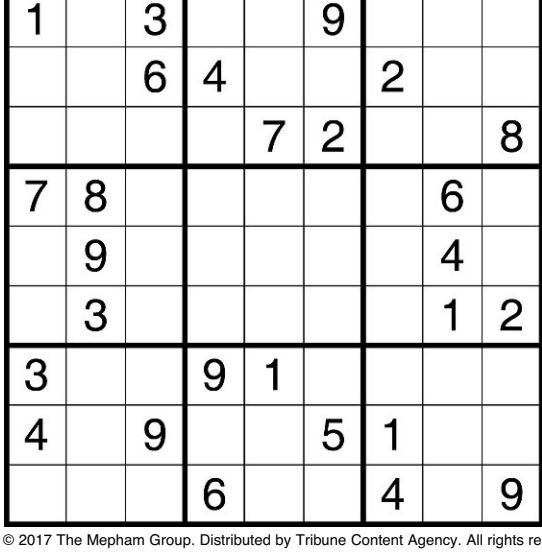
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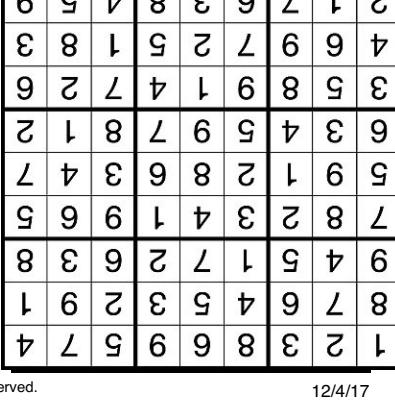
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SUDOKU



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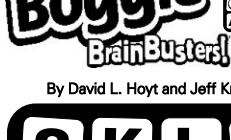
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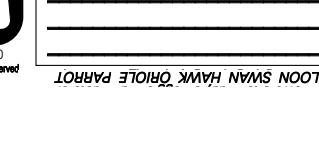


INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare words, crossing out common words.

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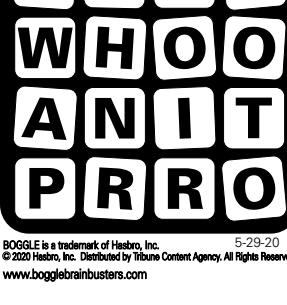
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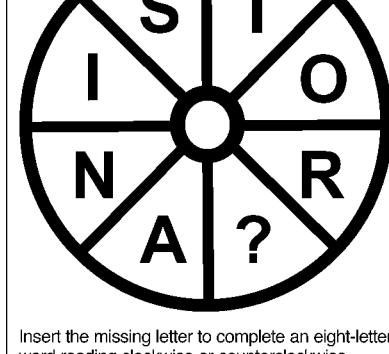


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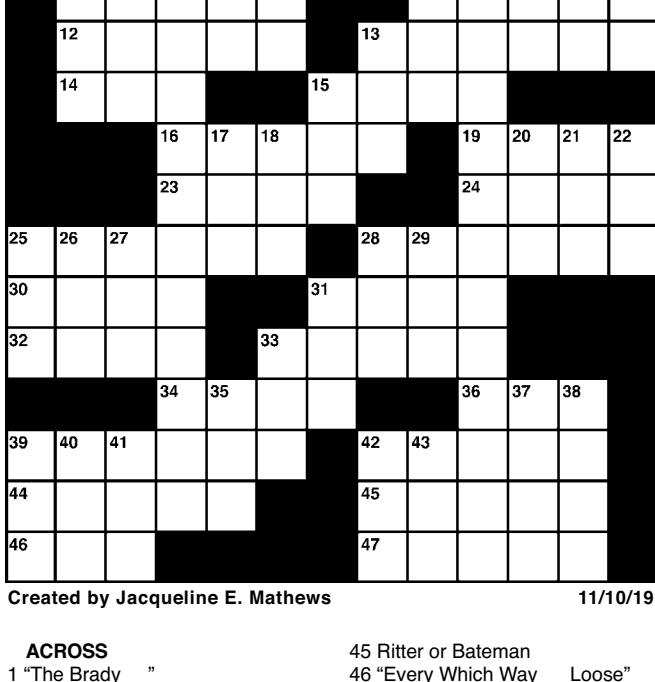


Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 "The Brady ___"
- 6 Last month: abbr.
- 9 Coeur d'___ ID
- 10 ___ "Movies"; Siskel & Ebert series
- 12 Grassy expanses
- 13 Kutcher
- 14 "Message ___ Bottle"; Kevin Costner film
- 15 Actress Sommer
- 16 ___ "a Certain Age"
- 19 Kellogg's Raisin ___
- 23 Connery or Penn
- 24 Actress Anderson
- 25 ___ "People, Big World"
- 28 Actress Peet
- 30 Garfield's housemate
- 31 "Closing Bell" network
- 32 Drug addict
- 33 Paddled boat
- 34 Try to lose
- 36 Boy
- 39 Country singer Womack
- 42 Heroine in "My Fair Lady"
- 44 Actress & singer Edie

45 Ritter or Bateman

46 "Every Which Way ___ Loose"

47 Preminger & Klemperer

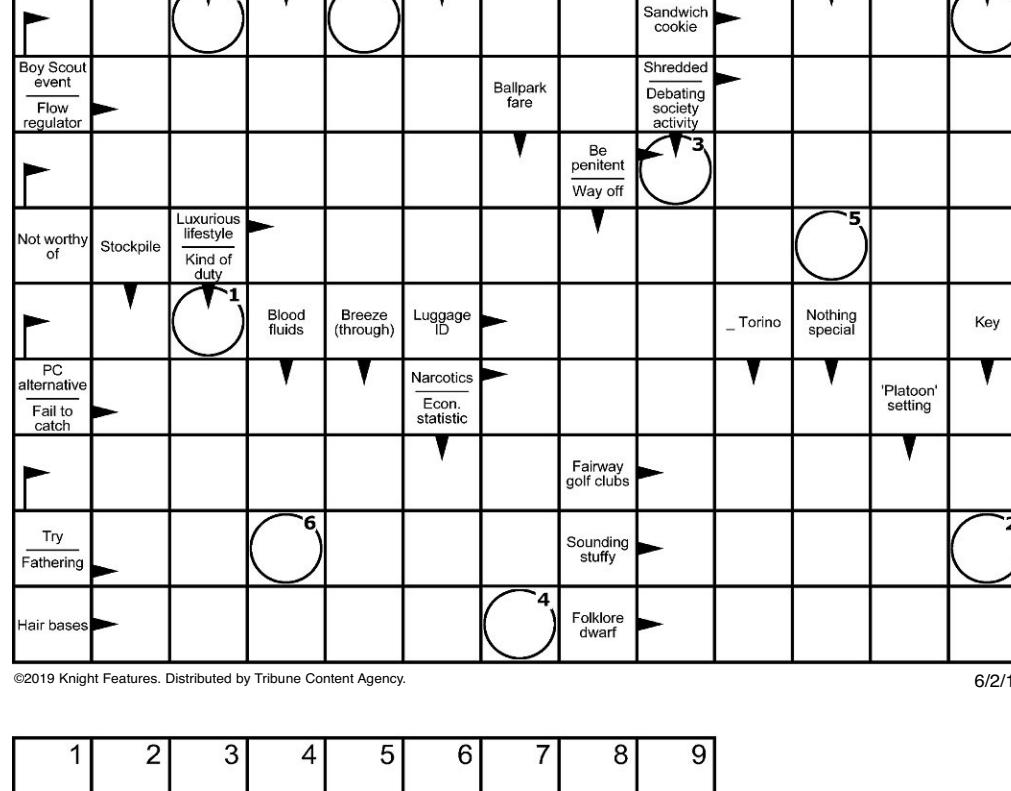
DOWN

- 1 "Road to ___"; Crosby/Hope movie
- 2 ___ Bator, Mongolia
- 3 Medical drama series
- 4 "Erin Burnett OutFront" network
- 5 ___ Just Not That Into You"
- 6 Baseball's Mel
- 7 Comedienne Margaret
- 8 "The Whole ___ Yards"; Bruce Willis film
- 10 Invite
- 11 Series for Megan Boone
- 13 Sitcom about an alien
- 15 Very long time
- 17 Snakelike fish
- 18 Scotsman's denial
- 20 Reagan or Howard
- 21 "Parks ___ Recreation"
- 22 Actress Peebles
- 25 ___ Grant"
- 26 Driver's lic. & Soc. Sec. card
- 27 "The ___ That Binds"; Daryl Hannah movie
- 28 ___ Given Sunday"; film for Al Pacino
- 29 Advanced business deg.
- 31 Felix or Stimp
- 33 Actor Berry
- 35 Shoo-___; certain winners
- 37 "We Bought ___"; Matt Damon movie
- 38 Rather & Quayle
- 39 Friendly dog
- 40 Part of a college's web address
- 41 "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
- 42 Monogram for Olmos
- 43 Virgil's lang.

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ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

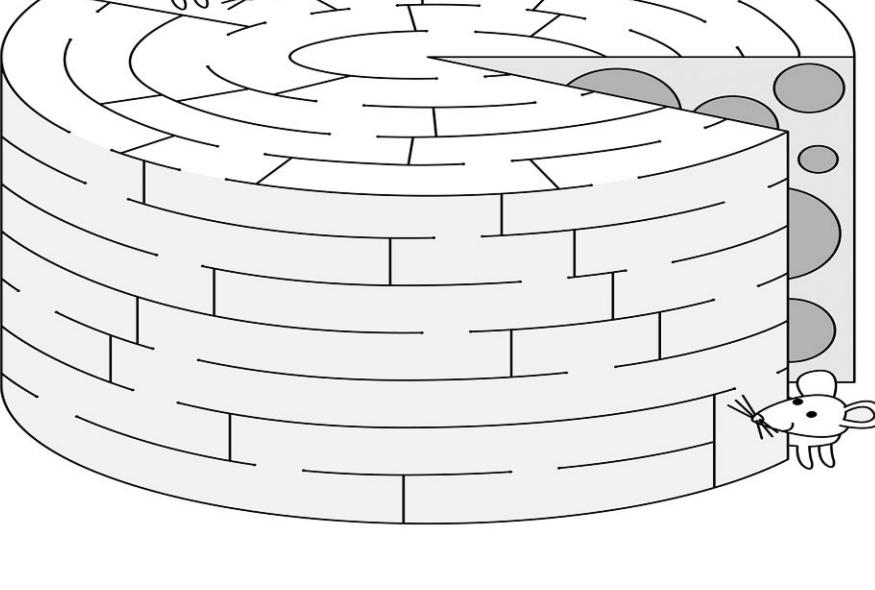


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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Wordsearch: Disney world

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off as you find them.

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Q T Q L A E V R L E R B M V Z T K A
G E Z A U U A O S N A L U M C B T H
S L U N R H W Y A G C D I Z A Q W K
E G Q O O E Y E H P S D X M A O G E
L I P D R U K E U O N N B J O Z T R
U P O M A U E M K P P I I D A I V E
C I N U O R B O I C W M Y D H F L H
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BALOO	GOOFY	NALA	STICH
BAMBI	HERCULES	PERDITA	THUMPER
BELLE	HUEY	PETER PAN	TRAMP
CINDERELLA	JAFAR	PIGLET	URSULA
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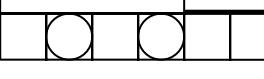
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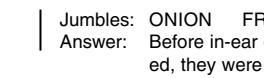
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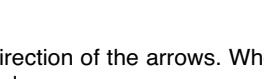
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BEFORE IN-EAR DIGITAL HEARING AIDS WERE INVENTED, THEY WERE -----

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:



Jumbles: ONION FRONT MAYHEM SUBDUE

Answer: Before in-ear digital hearing aids were invented, they were — UNHEARD OF

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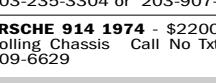
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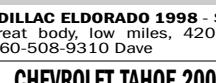
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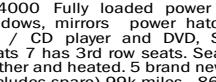
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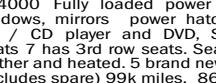


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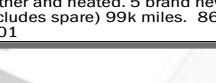
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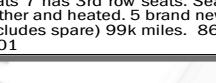
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